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LID OFF WAVELL—ATTLEE CONFLICT

Viceroy's Dilatory Tactics Lead To His 'Dismissal'

Assembly Lobby's Reaction To New Appointment

Interim Govt. To Be Treated As Sovereign Body: Consembly May Go Ahead

LONDON, Feb. 21, (U.P.A.): The setting of a time limit for the transference of power to Indian hands plus the British Government's pressure on the Muslim League to enter the Constituent Assembly brought a final rupture between the British Cabinet and Viceroy Lord Wavell, it was learned today, radioes Harold Guard, United Press of America staff correspondent.

CABINET BACKED CONGRESS

The British Cabinet supported the Congress Party in their insistence that the Muslim Ministers should resign if the Muslim League continued to boycott the Constituent Assembly.

THE CLIMAX

The climax was reached at the end of last week when Lord Wavell firmly expressed disapproval of such pressure and announced it left him no alternative but to ask to be replaced.

The appointment of Lord Louis Mountbatten was said to conform with the British Government's policy of supporting the Congress Party's contention that the League should either co-operate or quit the Interim Government.

Lord Mountbatten's past record indicated he would not countenance prolonged communal discord.

The Prime Minister's statement would support the new Viceroy in this respect because it offers the Muslims a vestment of power, at least in Bengal and Sind even if the present disagreement continues.

Congress & League To Face New Situation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21, (A.P.I.): Congress and League members of the Interim Government held separate discussions today on the British Government's statement, which both sides recognise has squarely and inescapably brougrt them face to face with the almost overwhelming realities of a completely new situation. Further discussions are likely during the next few days but decisions will not be taken till the executives of the Congress and the League meet. The Congress Working Committee will meet on March 3. A meeting of the League Working Committee is considered possible but no announcement has yet been made.

Pandit Nehru met Lord Wavell tonight.

Lobby Talks among the ranks and file during the day have disclosed a sobering down of any tendency to see more in the statement than appears on the surface, but the general feeling of buoyancy persists.

SOVEREIGN GOVT.

Some immediate possibilities arising from the statement were canvassed in the lobbies. It was expected, for instance, that though the date of transfer is fixed 16 months hence, Lord Mountbatten will come with wide powers to treat the Interim Government as a sovereign Government. This will be one of the ways in which the intention to initiate the process of transfer immediately will manifest itself.

CONSEMTLY CAN GO AHEAD

There was also a feeling today that the Constituent Assembly has been freed from the restrictions previously imposed on it, with the result that it can now go forward speedily to its appointed end.

"PERPETUATION OF INDIAN DEADLOCK."

GAUHATI, Feb. 21 (API): "My immediate reaction is that the British Government's statement says nothing that can be regarded as helpful to resolve the present deadlock in India', says Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Assam Premier when interviewed by the 'Associated Press of India' regarding Mr. Attlee's statement. "On the contrary," said Mr. Bardoloi, "it appears that the statement had in it the perpetuation of the Indian deadlock."

GANDHIJI MAKES NO COMMENT
Feb. 21

Mahatma Gandhi learnt the contents of Mr. Attlee's statement in the House of Commons yesterday on British Government's India policy when the 'Associated Press of India' correspondent handed him the summary of the announcement here this morning.

Mahatma Gandhi had the summary read out to him. He listened to it attentively as it was read out by Professor Nirmal Bose, his Bengal interpreter.

Mahatma Gandhi made no comment after hearing statement. Mahatma Gandhi arrived in Kamalapur this morning after walking a distance of two and half miles from Biskatali.

MOUNTBATTEN EXPLAINS IT!

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, February 21.

Lord Louis Mountbatten is reported to have told a journalist from Rangoon that if the people of India were told that British would withdraw by a certain date, they would arrive at a settlement. He is expected to do his utmost to get the parties together.

BROCKWAY WELCOMES IT

LONDON, Feb. 21, (I.P.A.): Mr. Fenner Brockway stated, as Secretary to the British Centre for Colonial Freedom that trey welcomed Mr. Attlee's statement as they always advocated that Britain should fix a definite date for withdrawal from India. They were uneasy over Para Ten which uncertain as 50 to whom exactly the power will be handed

BHOPAL WELCOMES H.M.G.'S STATEMENT

BHOPAL, Feb. 21 (A.P.I.): "The statement of policy in regard to India issued last night by His Majesty's Government will serve a useful purpose. No longer now can it be said that the British desire to maintain their hold on India through adherence to the principle of 'divide and rule'", says H.H. the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, in a statement.

Wavell's Advice Rejected

LONDON, Feb. 21, (Reuter): Field Marshal Viscount Wavell has been replaced as Viceroy of India because of difference in standpoint with the British Government on how to handle the deterioration in the India administrative machine that threatened a general collapse, it was stated by a reliable source today, cables Fraser E. Weighton, Reuter's political correspondent.

Although official quarters will not discuss Viscount Wavell's retirement, it is believed that the Viceroy so impressed by the gravity of the situation that he favoured prompt relinquishment of British responsibility for certain areas in India with withdrawal of such British personnel as this action would imply.

The Government, it is suggested, rejected this view of the situation which it decided was unduly pessimistic.

TRIUMPHANT RETURN

PRODUCER V. SHANTARAM AND JAYASHREE ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT BOMBAY LAST MONDAY, BY THE S.S. "STRATHNAVER", AFTER WINNING ACCLAIM IN THE U.S.A. AND THE U. K. WHERE THEY PLACED INDIAN FILMS ON THE WORLD MAP.

ATTLEE'S STATEMENT MEETS CONGRESS DEMAND

Implication Of Fixing Date For Quitting India

NEW DELHI, February 21, (U.P.I.): It is gathered that Mr. Attlee's statement was made available to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at 8-15 p.m. last night and there was a preliminary exchange of views between Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

Full discussion of the statement took place this morning by the Congress Members of the Interim Government.

League circles are silent at present.

A meeting of the League Working Committee is likely to be convened shortly, it is understood, to consider the implications of Mr. Attlee's statement and decide the League attitude to the British decision.

FAVOURABLE POINTS

According to political circles certain favourable points have emerged from H.M.G.'s statement:

(1) The statement met the Congress demand that the British should prove their 'bona fides' regarding a peaceful transfer of power to Indians by fixing a date for quitting India. This was demanded by the Congress because they felt that an agreement between the Indian political parties would be difficult so long as a third power existed in the country.

(2) It is opined that the new situation may be helpful to an understanding between the League and the Congress as the leaders will be faced with the reality that they will have to get along with each other after British withdrawal, if the country is not to be plunged into chaos.

(3) The statement has created a fresh atmosphere in India's political situation and the issues facing the Interim Government which seemed grave have receded into the background.

(4) Assam and Frontier may not be forced now to join the Sections as under the new situation it is believed that they can join the Centre direct.

BACK TO CRIPPS' OFFER, THINK LEAGUERS!

KARACHI, Feb. 21. (U.P.I.): The first impressions of the Muslim

(Continued on Page 10.)

MARCH ON FRONTIER PREMIER'S HOUSE

Leaguers Disperse When Military Arrives

PESHAWAR, Feb. 21 (API): The Frontier Government issued to-night the following Communique on the situation in Peshawar:—

"A Muslim League meeting was held to-day at Peshawar city which later formed itself into procession and proceeded towards the Premier's house. On the way the processionists forced through the barbed wire gate near the Central Jail. Ineffective tear gas was used. A section of crowd was armed with spears, daggers and firearms. On reaching the Premier's residence, unruly crowd became violent and started pelting stones and smashing windows, doors and furniture.

The Education Minister's car standing in the compound was damaged. The crowd dispersed when military arrived."

A.I.C.C. DIRECTIONS TO PRAKASAM

Issue Of No-Confidence In Madras Premier

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21, (A. P. A.): The All-India Congress Committee office said today that a telegram had been sent to Premier Prakasam of the Madras Provincial Government telling him he should convene a meeting of the Congress Legislature Party as early as possible in view of a no confidence petition signed by 114 Madras legislators.

The A. I. C. C. Office also disclosed that the no-confidence petition was received in Delhi after premier Prakasam's statement that neither he nor the A. I. C. C. had received such a document was issued.

The Premier has called a meeting of the Legislators for Feb. 28. He also has appointed a sub-committee to investigate whether any group existed within the Madras Congress Legislature Party which functioned "in a manner calculated to bring the Party, its leader or its executive into discredit or contempt."

The Sub-Committee, headed by the Premier himself, will begin work on Feb. 27.

ENVOYS TO MADRAS.

The A. I. C. C. Office in Delhi also said that a meeting of Provincial Congress presidents and secretaries would open tomorrow in Allahabad when a decision would be taken whether to send one of the General Secretaries of the A. I. C. C. to Madras for the Feb. 28 meeting.

Premier Prakasam left Madras yesterday by automobile in a five-day tour of important Andhra districts to meet Congress Legislators and Congress Committees.

PRAKASAM PITTED AGAINST VESTED INTERESTS

KAVALI, Feb. 21, (A. P. I.): "In pursuing the textile policy and in furthering co-operative societies and the Zamindari Bill I am pitted against high vested interests. But in the larger interests of the public, this programme is necessary and I am determined to carry it through," said Mr. T. Prakasam, the Premier of Madras, addressing a public meeting at Nellore.

LORDS TO DEBATE WHITE PAPER ON TUESDAY

LONDON, Feb. 21 (APA): The House of Lords will debate Britain's latest decision on India next Tuesday on a motion by Conservative Viscount Templewood that the June 1948 deadline "is likely to imperil the peace and prosperity of India".

The Commons may hold a full-scale India debate in two weeks.

ATTLEE'S STATEMENT IN U. P. ASSEMBLY

LUCKNOW, Feb. 21 (A.P.I.): About 40 members of the U. P. Legislative Assembly submitted a memorandum to the Speaker today requesting him to allot February 25 and 26 for discussion of the British Premier's latest statement on India "in view of its supreme political importance."

"NEW YORK TIMES" CALLS IT DECISIVE STEP

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (U.P.A.): "This declaration which matches the American grant of independence to the Philippines and, as such, has few parallels in history, marks a decisive saep in Britain's self-imposed task in leading Inda to complete self-government," says the "New York Tmes" in a an editorial today.

STOP PRESS

EUROPEAN REDS CONFER

FRANKFURT, Feb. 21 (APA): At the invitation of the Communist Party of Great Britain, a group of German Communist leaders prepared today to leave for London to attend a Congress of European Communist delegations.

Leaguers' Hunt For Peace Formula

125 Arrested For Procession In Lahore: Repeated Attempts To Stop Train

LAHORE, Feb. 21. (A. P. I.): The "Associated Press of India" understands that a formula for ending the 29-day old Muslim League agitation in the Punjab was considered at a meeting of the top-ranking League leaders, who were again brought to Lahore this morning from different jails in the Punjab.

No settlement is reported to have been made upto 8 p.m.

TRAIN STOPPED

In Shahpur about 200 persons of Bhawal jurisdiction boarded a train at Bhalwal and after it had left the railway station pulled the communication chord and stopped it. They finally alighted at Sargodha by pulling the chain for the third time, says a Communique on the situation in the Province issued by the Punjab Government at 5-30 p.m. today.

The Communique says:—

This morning a meeting of women took place at the residence of Begum Mohd. Bashir and from there they went in procession. Students had a small procession to celebrate the last year R.I.N. Mutiny. At the moment a meeting is taking place outside Mochi Gate with a crowd of about 10,000.

125 ARRESTED

One hundred and twenty-five Muslims were arrested this evening on the Mall on a charge of taking out a procession in defiance of the Punjab Public Safety Ordinance.

WOMEN'S PROCESSION

A large procession of about 400 women led by Begum Kamal-ud-Din was taken out this morning from Lawrence Road, which after winding its way through Mozang reached the Civil Secretariat and staged a demonstration in front of the main entrance. At the intervention of the police the procession marched towards the District Courts. After a demonstration in the compound of the courts they later dispersed in Old Anarkali.

LEAGUE NATIONAL GUARDS ARRESTED AND LET OFF

PATNA February 21. (A. P. I.): Fifty-seven Muslim National Guards were taken into custody for wearing military type of uniforms when they were returning from the Patna Junction railway station after according a reception to Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, the Chief Minister of Bengal. They were let off later after giving a warning.

SUHRAWARDY IN PATNA

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Prime Minister of Bengal, accompanied by Mr. A. F. Abdur Rahman, Minister for Relief, arrived here this morning by the Delhi Express. The Prime Minister was received by Mr. Binodanand Jha, Minister for Local Self-Government, on behalf of the Bihar Ministry.

Abdul Qayum In Peshawar Jail

PESHAWAR, Feb. 21. (A. P. I.): Mr. Abdul Qayum, Leader of the Opposition who was arrested yesterday in Mardan has been brought to Central Jail, Peshawar, according to Muslim League headquarter.

MARDAN ARRESTS

About 55 arrests have so far been made in Mardan today.

It is reported that following the arrests of Khan Sammijan Khan, President of the Frontier Muslim League, the police used tear gas to disperse the procession. Hardly the procession had dispersed when another procession came there from a different part of the town. The police resorted to lathi charge to disperse this procession. Fifty persons were arrested and were removed in lorries from Mardan. Another crowd later collected near the Muslim League office but dispersed when a large police force appeared there.

A Muslim public meeting was held in Chowk Yadgar, Peshawar city, after Jumma prayers.

UMBERGAON LANDLORD'S HOUSE BURNT

DAHANU, Feb. 21. (A.P.I.): Although general situation continues to show improvement stray incidents of arson continue to be reported.

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LEGAL NOTICES

PROCLAMATION OF SALE BY SHERIFF OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY.
HIGH COURT.
O. O. C. J
In the Court of Civil Judge S. D Thana.
Sp. Jur. Suit No. 6 of 1944.

ASKAR ALLI HASSAN, of Kurla, aged about 50 years, caste Muslim, occupation Merchant, residing at Kurla B. S. D. ..... Plaintiff.
Vs.
Bai MASSUMABAI w/o of Samsherkhan Turabkhan, aged about 70 years, residing at Kurla, opposite to the Police Gate at Kurla.
..... Defendant.

WHEREAS by a decree, dated 30-11-45 in the above suit the defendant was directed to pay Rs. 3,000/- interest and costs to the plaintiff AND WHEREAS by a warrant of sale, dated 27-6-46, the Sheriff of Bombay was directed to sell by public auction the right, title and interest of the defendant in the lands and premises that is to say:—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate at Kurla (Greater Bombay) in the registration sub-district Bandra in Taluka ward Kurla Municipality together with the one storey building standing thereon bearing Kurla New Municipal No. 244 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by Umrigar Khot's land now in possession of Majid Panwala, on or towards the West by the Jumma Masjid Road, Kurla, on or towards the South by the property originally belonging to the defendant but now purchased by Mirza Alli Mahomed and bearing New Municipal No. 245 and on or towards the North by the property of Hussein Sheriff bearing No. 243.

Now it is hereby proclaimed and notified that on SATURDAY, the 8th day of March, 1947, at 2-30 P.M. the Sheriff of Bombay will put up for sale by Public Auction at the premises to the highest bidder without reserve, the right, title and interest of the defendant in the said land and premises subject to the following conditions of sale.

Intimation is given that the Court does not warrant the correctness of the above description of the premises nor the title of the said defendant to the same or to any interest therein.

Should the said defendant have no saleable interest whatever in the property to be sold in accordance with this Proclamation any sum paid by the purchaser by way of full or part payment for the same will be repayable to the purchaser.

The abovementioned plaintiff has not obtained permission to bid at the sale.

Of the price of the property one-fourth shall be paid forthwith when the property is knocked down to a purchaser; the remainder of the purchase money must be paid by the purchaser to the Sheriff on or before the fifteenth day after the sale.

The sale will not become absolute until confirmed by the Court.

In default of payment in whole or in part as above prescribed any sum paid as deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the property will be sold free from any interest therein or in the proceeds thereof of the prior purchaser.

For further information and conditions of sale application should be made at the office of the Sheriff of Bombay or M/s Majumdar and Dalal, Plaintiff's attorneys, Ismail Building, 381, Hornby Road, Bombay.

Dated this 20th day of Feb. 1947.
MITHAN J. LAM,
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Dated this 20th day of February, 1947.
DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Attorneys for the Purchaser.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, the 3rd March, 1947, at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. (a) Letter from the Ag. Municipal Secretary—reporting the names of Councillors who retire from the Standing Committee; and (b) Election of eight members of the Committee.

2. (a) Letter from the Ag. Municipal Secretary—Reporting the names of Councillors who retire from the Improvements Committee; and (b) Election of eight members of the Committee.

3. (a) Letter from the Secretary, Schools Committee—Reporting the names of six Councillor members and two non-Councillor members of the Committee, who retire from the Committee; (b) Election of six Councillor members; and (c) Election of two non-Councillor members of the Committee.

4. (a) Letter from the Secretary, Bombay Port Trust—Intimating that the term of office of the Corporation's representatives on the Port Trust Board expires on 31st March 1947; and (b) Election of two representatives of the Corporation on the Board.

5. (a) Letter from the President, Acworth Leper Home—Requesting the Corporation to elect five members on the Managing Board of the Home for the year 1947-48; and (b) Election of five members on the Board.

6. Interpellations.

7-9. Applications for gratuity, etc., from and on behalf of ex-Municipal employees.

10. Letter from the Secretary, Agripada People's Welfare League —Thanking the Corporation for sanctioning a grant-in-aid of the Agripada Physical Culture Institute conducted by the League for the year 1945-46.

11-12. Letters from the authorities of the (11) Shree Ayurvediya Dharmarth Dawakhana Mandal; and (12) Victoria Memorial School for the Blind—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc. of their respective institutions.

13. Letter from Mr. Chandrashankar Jamietram Mehta—Complaining about the delay in payment of his pension for the month of February 1946.

14. Letter from Mr. J. Halligna—Giving notice of a suit proposed to be filed by him against the Corporation for licensing a Mutton Shop on Dimtimkar Road, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

15. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's report on the delay caused by different departments in submitting quarterly Deposit and Revenue Returns for the years 1944-45 and 1945-46.

16. Regarding additional grant to meet the anticipated excess in expenditure in respect of stores and haulage under Street Cleansing and Sanitation.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE—

17. Regarding payment of commutation amount in respect of certain plots in the Princess Street Estate.

18. Regarding permission to construct a sitting-out place and a sanitary block on the terrace of building on Plot No. 552-B, Dadar-Matunga Estate.

19. Regarding the development of an area in the northern part of Worli, Scheme 52, in the form of a Neighbourhood Unit.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

20. Regarding the renaming of the portion of Northbrook Street between Grant Road and Bapty Road as "Ahmed Omar Street."

21. Regarding the construction of an underground storm water drain, etc., at the Tank Bunder Hindu Cemetery.

22. Regarding the revised estimate for widening the South Approach of the Bandra Causeway, etc.

23. Regarding the renaming of the Marine Drive as "Netaji Subhash Road".

24. Regarding the distribution of toned and blended milk through centres in A Ward opened under the Government Subsidized Milk Scheme.

25. Regarding the extension of hospital accommodation at the Turner Sanatorium.

26. Regarding the naming of (1-2) the junction of (1) Vithalbhai Patel Road, Kandewadi Street and C. P. Tank Road and (2) Bhuleshwar Road and Cathedral Street; and (3) the garden at the junction of the Tilak Bridge and Lady Jamshedji Road as (1) "Kasturba Gandhi Chowk", (2) "Mahadeobhai Desai Chowk", and (3) "Veer Kotwal Garden", respectively.

27. Forwarding Government Resolution according sanction to the Revised Rule for the conduct of Municipal Elections relating to tendered votes.

28. Regarding Municipalisation of Goods Transport Services in the City.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER —

29. Forwarding a quarterly statement regarding the cleansing of drains and sewers in the City.

30. Forwarding the Monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Report on the Bombay Water Supply.

31. Intimating Government refusal to accord sanction to the change of user of a certain plot in Mahalaxmi Flats Estate for growing vegetables.

32. Reporting on an application for gratuity from an ex-Municipal employee.

33. Government Letter—Regarding the payment of a grant-in-aid of the Chinese School in Bombay.

34. Letter from Mr. J. C. Wilson—Resigning his seat on the Corporation.

35. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.

36. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

37-38. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria, seconded by Mr. B. N. Rathod—For (37) eliminating congestion in traffic caused by squatters and hand cart hawkers from Masjid Bunder Road to Chakla Street; and (38) obtaining the Commissioner's report on the desirability of widening Fergusson Road, east of Tulsi Pipe Line Road.

39. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker—For requesting the Commissioner to consider the desirability of divesting the Superintendent of Licenses, Shops and Establishments of the work of supervising the Shops and Establishments Section.

40-41. From Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan—For (40) printing the Electoral Roll in Urdu language; and (41) increasing the hours of water supply on all public and sectional holidays.

42-46. From Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta—For (42) giving an assurance to subordinate Municipal employees who get a house rent allowance or live in Municipal chawls that they will be compensated in case the house rents are increased by 10 per cent; (43-44) requesting (43) Government to repeal the Post-war Reconstruction Fund Act and (44) the Commissioner of Police to instruct his subordinates to desist from interfering with devotional music sung in certain temples at Malabar Hill; (45) offering reasonable expenses to Councillors who volunteer to attend as Corporation's delegates conferences held in foreign countries when invited by the Organizers of such conferences; and (46) keeping in proper condition the Pandit Bhagwanlal Indrajit Road joining Land's End Road with Banganga Road.

47. From Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha—For requesting Government not to permit increase in rents of premises except where the Standard Rent exceeds Rs. 80 per month.

48-51. From Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, seconded by Mr. Y. G. Pandit—For (48) minimising and confining the frequency of urgent business items within the limits contemplated under the Municipal Act; (49) obtaining a report from the Standing Committee on the possibility of consolidating Special Funds, etc.; (50) representing to Government to abolish the Urban Immovable Property Tax; and (51) requesting the Commissioner to arrange for prompt collection of Municipal revenues by the departments concerned.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
P. R. MULLAFEROZE,
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AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of G. Holden, Esqr., and others at Chowpatty Seaface near Vianellis Restaurant of complete household and office furniture, steel almirah, safe, Singer machine, Remington standard typewriter, zoola sofe-cabinet, dining, writing and dressing table, chairs, side board, show case, Chesterfield, almirah, bed, tables and teapoys, gramophone, glassware, etc. (Sales Tax) T. 40213, EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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Under instructions from C. R. E., Bombay, M/s. Bennett & Co. will on Wednesday, the 26th inst. at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at E/S Yard, Andheri, near Railway Station the above articles.
Terms: 25% cash deposit.

GRAND BONA FIDE SALE
Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th and 26th inst. at 10-30 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. (S. T.) sell by Public Auction at Northcote House, Apollo Bunder, near Taj Mahal Hotel, complete Burma figureteak furniture of the Guest House made by John Roberts and others such as Dining tables, chairs, sideboards, combined wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Dressing Chests of drawers, centre tables, 1 very large double door frigidaire, curtains, Chesterfield suites, Vono spring beds, low chairs, Writing Desks, E. Table Fans, Tall boys, etc. On view. Terms cash. Purchasers will have to take the delivery of furniture immediately after the sale.
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Goods on view from 25th Inst. Terms: 25% deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Austin and Buick Motor Cars, Motor body building parts, portable Remington Typewriter, Office furniture etc. on Tuesday, 25th Inst. at 12 noon (S.T.) at 211-219 Tardeo, near Tram Terminus and opp. Parsee Hunnershala, under instructions from M|s Mulla & Mulla, Attorneys for mortgagees and on account and at risk of Mortgagor Mr. Dinkar Krishnaji Chapnerkar (now insolvent).
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By order of the Official Assignee of Bombay, We shall sell by auction on TUESDAY 25-2-47 at 3 p. m. at our rooms, Insolvent Haji Mohomed Haji Isa Bantwavala's Safe and pedhi goods.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT ABDUL REHMAN STREET.
By order of the Official Assignee of Bombay, assignee of the Insolvent Abdul Satar Dawood Casam, we shall sell by Public Auction on MONDAY 10th March 1947 at 3 P. M. (S.T.), at our rooms, at 122, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, the right, title and interest of the above Insolvent in the 172 sq. yds. of Farzandari land with the building standing thereon at Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay, Survey No. 1951, Cadastral Survey No. 1063 Bhuleshwar Division, C Ward No. 20-21(1), New Street No. 296a and 298, on the East Abdul Rehman Street on the West lane, on the North property of Ahmed Abdulla, on the South property of Haji Arab Adam.
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Rayon Plant For Bombay

Sir Homi On Need To Make People Soap-minded

BOMBAY, Feb. 21, (A. P. I.): Negotiations between Oscar Kohorn, rayon plant manufactures of America, and a group of industrial bagnates of Bombay are well under way for setting up what may be said to be the first rayon plant in India in the vicinity of Bombay. The deal is expected to be signed in about six weeks, and the plant will go into production about 18 months thereafter.

Mr. Kohorn said that the Bombay plant including would cost about 10,000,000 dollars or Rs. 3 crores.

Negotiations for setting up similar rayon manufacturing plants in Madras, the Punjab and Calcutta were proceeding. Mr. Kohorn thought that the Government of India might encourage promotion of rayon industry in this country.

FUTURE OF INDIA'S -SOAP INDUSTRY

BOMBAY, Friday.

The need to carry on country-wide propaganda to make india soap-minded was stressed by Sir Homi Mody inaugurating the thirteenth annual conference of the All-India Soap makers and Perfumers Association at the Indian Merchants Chamber this morning.

Sir Homi stated that the soap industry deserved to be put on a firm and sound basis as soap had become an article of daily utility for the rich and poor alike.

He expressed satisfaction at the efforts made by the Association to give practical training in soap making. He however felt that such training should be given on a larger scale than at present.

Welcoming the guests Mr. K. M. Antia the chairman of the Reception Committee cited figures to indicate that the soap production in India had gradually declined after 1943, due mainly to the stoppage of imports of raw materials from foreign countries.

"THROW OPEN TEMPLES TO HARIJANS"

Exhortation At Mahashivaratri Celebration

Speaking about the Mahashivaratri Festival, under the joint auspices of the Billavara Association and the Barakur Billavara Charity Sangha, at the Jivanji Memorial Hall, on Wednesday last Mr. H. S. Patil, congratulated the organisers on celebrating such an important Hindu festival, though in a rigorous, yet, pious spirit. He narrated the essentials of the celebration and the traditional stories connected therewith. Mr. K. N. Gaitonde speake on the lessons to be imbibed from the festival.

Mr. R. K. Prabhu, who presided, told the audience that self-control was the essence of the observance of the festival, as evidenced by the 24-hour last and all night vigil and prayers. He exhorted the Billawa community to carry out the message of their great spiritual preceptor, the late Shri Narayana Guru Swami of Kerala, who had preached the gospel of "One God, One Religion and one Caste. "Mr. Prabhu appealed to Billawas to throw open all their temples to Harijans, whether the so-called upper classes of Hindus did so or not.

After the "mangala" and "prasad" the function came to a close.

SUPER-PENICILLIN FROM BUTTERMILK

Ayurvedic Physician's Great Expectations

MADRAS, Feb. 21, (API): Penicillin might yet be evolved from a quantity of common buttermilk, claims Dr. A. Lakhsmipathy, President of the 25th All-India Ayurvedic Congress held recently at Sirsaul, Cawnpore.

An official report of the Congress was handed out to the press today.

Dr. Lakshmipathy told the conference that common buttermilk was highly bacteriocidal and killed cholera vibrios and other bacteria within five minutes. He disclosed certain experimental proofs that buttermilk, either sweet or sour, when diluted with even 500 times of water, retained acidity which was stronger than the acid limit for the growth of bacteria. A cup of water into which three drops of buttermilk was added, was proved to kill microbes more or less instantaneously.

He said that, in this research, the Ayurvedic physician might find a clue for the discovery of a super-penicillin in Ayurved.

The conference, among other resolutions it adopted, requested Provincial Governments to establish national health funds to be raised from voluntary subscriptions from the public for the advancement of Indian medical science.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The B. P. W. C. will hold its 28th annual general meeting and 11th Conference at the University Convocation Hall from Tuesday the 25th to Friday 28th. The Conference will be opened by the Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister at 5 p. m. During the three days' sessions talks will be given by prominent speakers such as the Hon. Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla, and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and interesting discussions will take place. Affiliated societies will also give reports on the working of their institutions. The Conference is open to the public.

There will also be an Exhibition and sale of work organised by the Women's Home Industries Depot from Wednesday, 26th instant to Monday, the March 3. The Exhibition will be opened by Lady Colville on Wednesday at 5 p. m. and will be open to the public from 11 a. m. to 5-30 p. m. daily.

B. D. Petit Hospital Workers' Threat To Go On Strike

The workers of the Bomanjee Dinshaw Petit Parsi General Hospital Bombay, have served their authorities with strike notices as they feel that their just demands have so far been met only by unsympathetic and uncompromising attitude from the authorities, and if their grievances are not redressed immediately.

Coimbatore Strikers Await Premier's Award

MADRAS, Feb. 20. (A. P. I.): An early termination of the textile workers strike in Coimbatore is now in sight. The representatives of both the workers and the millowners, who met the Premier Mr. T. Prakasam today agreed to abide by his award in their dispute.

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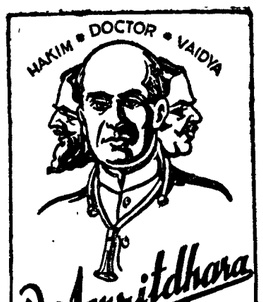

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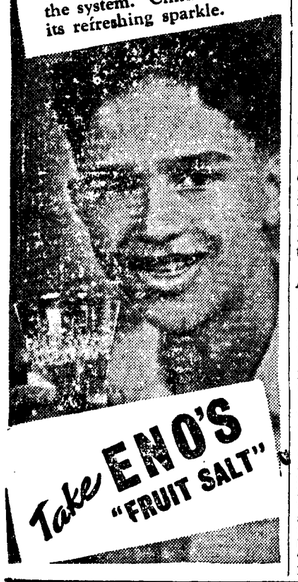
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Selections For Today's Races

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By Our Racing Correspondent

The following are my selections for today's races.—

1st race: 1 Dhiban, 2 King Solomon, 3 Janab.

2nd race: 1 Tomcat. 2 Maratha Mandir, 3 Fast Worker.

3rd race: 1 Jahaj Mahal 2 Mikhlif Jabir, 3 Nibras.

4th race: 1 Mullick Shah, 2 Man Mandir, 3 Khalif.

5th race: 1 Valetta Panna. 3 Torrin.

6th race: 1 Himalaya, 2 Blue Arrow, 3 Generalissimo.

7th race: 1 Shan Jahan. 2 Post Master. 3 Paper King.

8th race: 1 Parting Summer 2 Prem Devi. 3 Jo Hukum.

9th race: 1 Gold Flake, 2 Talisman, 3 Mannawi.

Dark Flukes: Banshee and Saita.

BOMBAY UNION OF JOURNALISTS

Bombay journalists converted the Journalist Association into trade union, by passing the constitution at a meeting of the Journalist Association of India held on Thursday evening under the presidentship of Mr. B. G. Horniman.

The following have been elected to the Executive Committee, Messrs. S. A. Brelvi, U. G. Rao, G. N. Acharya, K. Srinivasan, V. N. Bhushan, S. P. Thyagarajar Mohan Kumaramangalam, Samuel Castellino, E. G. Nair, C. S. J. Rao, J. M. Ghate, S. V. Deshpande, Thomas Fernandes, B. G. Horniman and D. N. Mankikar.

The other office-bearers of the Union, such as the President, etc., will be elected from among the 15 already elected.

The Association will hereafter be known as the Bombay Union of Journalists.

The Association passed a resolution thanking Messrs. Dalal Shah and Co., for auditing the accounts in the past and expressed their hope that they would continue to do so in the future. Another resolution thanked Mr. Alaskair Macre, for presenting the Union Library with 50 books.

Asoka Mehta's Call To Kisans

Addressing a meeting of industrial workers and other mill-hands, held in the compound of Irani building, De'Lisle Road, on Wednesday evening, to observe the first anniversary of the revolt of the R. I. N. Ratings during February last, Mr. Asoka Mehta, the Bombay Socialist leader, observed that the armed forces of India were imbued with nationalist and patriotic consciousness. Mr. Adam Adil presided.

Further Mr. Asoka Mehta stated that the fall of Indian capitalism, landlordism and the princes was imminent, and the workers and the Kisans, by their fighting organisations, must expedite their fall. The spirit of revolt which characterised the R. I. N. Ratings a year ago, must be imbibed by every exploited Indian. Concluding, Mr. Mehta, strongly deprecated the communal riots.

A Photograph taken at the Head Office of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa Ltd. when Sardar Saheb Sangatsingh, Indian Trade Commissioner in East Africa, paid a visit to the Bank recently.

SITTING (From left to right) Mr. Dawood Hajee Nasser, Sardar Saheb Sangatsingh and Mr. J. M. Akhaney, Managing Director of the Bank.

CITY AND SUBURBS

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Parsi: Shehrevar 22, 1316.
Sunrise: 7-4 a.m. Sunset: 6-42 p.m
Hightide: 01-02, 13-00.
Lowtide: 07-16, 18-56

Today's Engagements

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Public Lecture by Ervad Khurshed Dubu, at Blavatsky Lodge, today, at 5 p.m. (S. T.).

YOUTH PARLIAMENT: A Symposium, today, at 6-30 p.m., in the Youth Lodge. "The problem of a Common Language for India.

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, will speak on "The Economic Programme of the Indian National Congress" today, at 5-45 p.m., in the N. D. Prabhu Seminary Building, Bhai Jiwanji Lane Thakurdwar.

FEDERATION OF BOMBAY RETAIL CLOTH DEALERS' ASSOCIATIONS: Function to meet Mr. Dinkerbai Desai, Minister of 'Law' and Civil Supplies, at Anand Bhuvan Vithalbhai Patel Road, today, at 5 p.m.

THE KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION: Lecture on "New Politics" by Prof. Parikh in the Anandashrama Hall, Talmakiwadi, Tardeo, today, at 5-30 p.m.

SEED TRADERS ASSOCIATION: Tea party to meet Mr. Ratilal M Gandhi and Mr Ramdas Kilachand President and Vice-President respectively of Indian Merchants Chamber today, at 5 p.m. (S. T.), at Vanita Vishram Gardens, Sandhurst Road.

INDIAN CHRISTIAN CRICKET CLUB MAZAGON: Second annual social gathering today, in the Nicholson Hall, St. Peter's Church Compound, Mazagon, at 4 p.m.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL SUBORDINATE STAFF UNION: Mass Meeting at 3-15 p.m. (S T.), today, at Municipal Sports Club.

IDAR PRAJAKIYA MANDAL: Public meeting to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the Idar Prajakiya Mandal today, at 8-30 p.m. Shrimati Lilavati Munshi will preside.

SHANKAR MUTT, MATUNGA: Discourse at 8-30 p.m., on 'Shiva Mahima' by Achariya T. A. V. Dikshitar.

GOAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: Second annual Athletic meet today and tomorrow (Sunday), at W. I. F. A. Stadium, Cooperage at 2 p.m. A. S. De Mello will preside.

"G" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Meeting of Working Committee at 6 p.m. (S. T.), today, at 431. Kalbadevi Road.

SEVIKA DAL PROGRAMME.

The Acting G. O. C. of the Congress Sevika Dal writes:—

The Third Anniversary of the Late Kasturba Gandhi will be observed today, by the Congress Sevika Dal and other important Women's Associations in the city. The programme of the day is as follows:—Flag-Salutation, 8 a.m.; Sacrificial Spinning at Jinnah Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Public meeting at Jinnah Hall under the joint auspices of leading women organsations in Bombay, 5-15 p.m.

Mrs. Mithan Lam, the first woman Sheriff of Bombay will preside, over the public meeting Shri Kakasaheb Kaleiker will speak on the life aspects of Kasturba.

"G" WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Flag salutation ceremony today, at 8 a.m., in the compound of Gopal Bhuvan, Khed Lane, Saitan Chowki. Shri I. S. Patel will unfurl the flag.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Khat Muhurt Ceremony of the Bhavan's New Building at Chowpathy Road will be performed by Mr. K. M. Munshi at 8 a.m., (tomorrow) Sunday.

BOMBAY PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION: Rovshen Mohmed will speak on 'Neurosis and Sex' today, at Wilson College, at 6-15 p.m.

SWAMI KARPATRIJI'S LECTURE: At Bullion Exchange Hall, Jhaveri Bazar, today, at 5 p.m.

R. I. N. DAY PROGRAMME: Joint meeting of the Bombay Progressive Writers' Association and People's Theatre Association will be held at 10 a.m., tomorrow (Sunday), at Deodhar School of Indian Music and Dancing to celebrate the R. I. N. Day. The programme will include poems, songs and ballet by eminent poets and artists on R. I. N. All are invited.

MATANGA SAMAJ BROOM PRODUCERS' CO-OP. SOCIETY: First annual general meeting tomorrow (Sunday), at 9 p.m. (S. T.), at Block No 1, Shanti Nagar, Arthur Road, Jacob Circle.

HINDUSTANI PRACHAR SABHA.

The First, Second and Third Examinations of the Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Bombay will be held today and tomorrow (Sunday) at the following centres:—

Girgaon: Aryan Education Society High School, Opera House.

Matunga: Poddar College of Commerce, Matunga (G. I. P.).

Ghatkopar: Dhanji Devshi Rashtriya Kanyashala, Ghatkopar.

Andheri: Madhavsee Amarsee High School, Andheri.

Time: Saturday, 2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. (S. T.); Sunday, 10-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. and 2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. (S T.). Oral Examination, 2nd Exam., Saturday, 2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

Candidates are requested to be in their seats half an hour before the time of the examination.

SHAHID MAFAT SHAH SOCIALIST LIBRARY: Com. Purshottam Trikumdas will perform the opening ceremony tomorrow (Sunday) at 9-30 a.m., at the Office of the Congress Socialist Party, Thakurdwar, Bombay.

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A. I. MANUFACTURERS' ORGANISATION

Visvesvaraya Re-Elected President

BOMBAY, Feb. 21, (API): Sir M. Visvesvaraya, has been re-elected unanimously as president of the All-India Manufacturers' Organization for 1947. He will also preside over the seventh annual conference of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation to be held in Bombay on April 12 and 13.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF KASTURBA GANDHI

City Celebration Programme

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the 3rd Death Anniversary of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi will be observed today. The following is the programme for the Day:—

1. Flag Salutation, at 8 a.m. (S. T.), at the Congress House. Shri S. L. Silam, the General Secretary of the B. P. C. C. will unfurl the National Flag and speak on the life of Kasturba.

2. Sacrifical Spinning, at Jinnah Hall, at 9 a.m.

KUNTE TO TOUR THANA DISTRICT

BOMBAY, Feb. 20. (A. P. I.): Mr. D. K. Kunte, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of Bombay, will commence a three-day tour of Thana district tomorrow. He is expected to visit Dahanu and Umbergaon talukas and Mokhada Peta. The purpose of his visit is to explain in all its practical aspects the Tenancy Legislation passed so far by the Bombay Government. Mr. Kunte will also study the question of local aboriginals among whom there has of late been economic unrest.

TODAY ON RADIO

Saturday February 22.
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244 m. (1,231 kc/s) 7.30 a.m. Song of Week (by D'Amel) 7.40 News (M) 7.50 News (G) 8.0 News (E) 8.15 News (H) 8.30 Hamid Husain (Hamidi) 8.45 Ramnath Mathkar 9.0 Gangubai Hangal 12.0 p.m. Composite programme (M) 12.45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12.55 Bhavgeeten 1.25 News (H) 1.30 News (E) 1.40 You Asked For It. 4-20 B. V. Patekar (Vocal) 4.50 Listeners' letters and replies (G) 5.0 Hamid Husain Hamidi) 5.15 Children's Programme (G) 5.45 Topic of Day 5.55 Locals 6.0 News (E) 6.10 News (H) 6.15 Chitrapat Sangeet 6.30 Kantilal Naik (Raag Puria Dhanashree) 6.45 Mumtaz Begum (Thumri) 7.0 B. Y. Pateker (Abhang Konhepotri) 7.15 Hamid Husain (Hamidi) 7.30 P. B. Nippannikar (Puria-Dhanashri) 8.0 News (M) 8.15 News (G) 8.30 Worker at home: Talk by A. A. Kulkarni (M) 8.45 Idea of evolution; Emergent evolution: (by P. R. Damle) .0 News (E) 9.15 News (H) 9.30 B B C News 9.40 programme Parade 9.45 "The celestial omnibus": Radio play by Leonald Cottrel: 10.15 Gangubai Hangal.

S. K. PATIL'S BROADCAST

Professor P. R. Damle will broadcast a talk on "Emergent Evolution" in the series "Idea of Evolution", from All-India Radio, Bombay, today, at 8-45 p.m. Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will broadcast a talk on the "Industrial Relations Bill" from All-India Radio, Bombay on Tuesday, February 25th at 9-45 p.m.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS.

FORECAST TILL SUNDAY MORNING:—There may be very light showers in Marathwada, the Hyderabad, Karnatak, Khandesh and the Deccan mainly in the evening and night.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 3 DAYS:—Dry weather mainly.

(From Our Correspondent)

BARODA, (By Mail).

"Baroda Bar Association hold a meeting under Presidentship of Mr. Nickte, pleader and passed a resolution recommending to His Highness's Government to implement the present House Rent Control order into a regular bill before the expiry of the said order at the end of March, 1947.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT STAFF FEDERATION

The General Secretary, Bombay Government Staff Federation, writes:

A meeting of the General Council of the Bombay Government Staff Federation will be held in Bombay by about the first week of April to frame the demands of the Bombay Government employees concerning the revision of pay-scales, the general conditions of service and other matters of vital importance to the employees. The meeting will also discuss ways and means to press these demands and to evolve a province-wide machinery for procuring a satisfactory solution of all long-standing grievances of the employees.

The Associations of Bombay Government employees functioning in District and Taluka places are requested to send their delegates to attend the meeting. All communications should be addressed to the General Secretary of the Federation, Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya, Thakurdwar, Bombay. Arrangements will be made for the stay of the outside delegates coming to Bombay for the Session.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

"Owing to abolition of Army Post Offices in India command and reversion to peacetime Civil Post and Telegraph arrangements with immediate effect name of Post Town must be included in address on all telegrams whether booked in India or overseas for all soldiers in India whether serving with static or non-static installations or units. In address of incoming foreign telegram India command may also be added."

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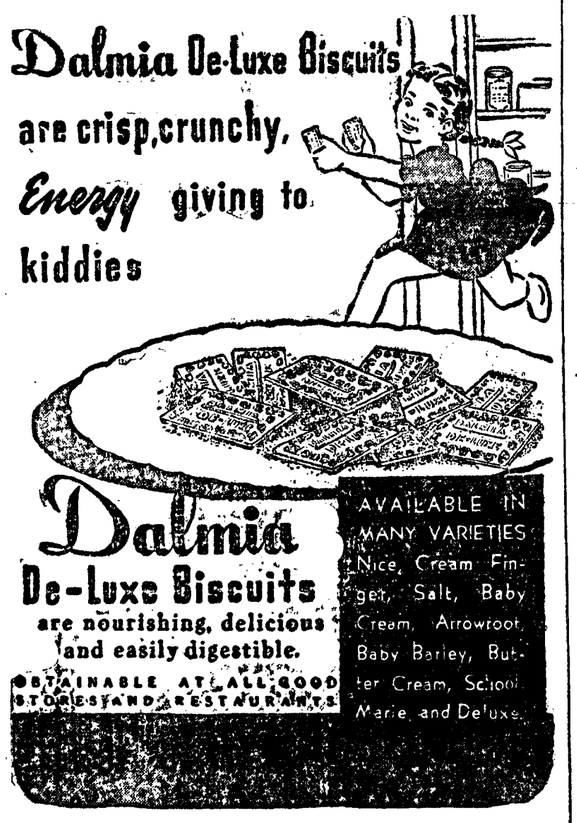
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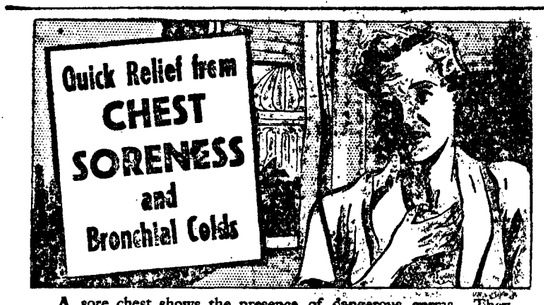

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Sikh Girl's Statement Before Peshawar Magistrate

Frontier Govt. Puts Her In Protective Custody To Avert Communal Clash

PESHAWAR, Feb. 20, (API): The Frontier Government have issued the following press 'communique': On Jan. 25 Mrs. Pasri, widow of a Sikh resident of Malach was killed in a recent attack on that village was secretly brought to Abbottabad and went through a form of marriage with one Mir Zaman of village Magribala near Kalabagh in Galli Hills. Before this was reported to the District Magistrate, she was again taken away from Abbottabad to his village by Mir Zaman and this caused bitter feeling among the Sikhs.

The Deputy Commissioner went to Kalabagh on Feb. 6 and brought Mrs. Pasri back to Abbottabad on Feb. 8.

On Feb. 9 she was brought to Peshawar where arrangements for her protective custody were made.

STILL A SIKH

On 18, in the presence of her mother and of Mr. Zaman and his cousin, she made a voluntary Statement to K. S. Abdul Rashid Khan, City Magistrate, Peshawar, in which she affirmed that she had been forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married to Mir Zaman and that she was still a Sikh.

Mrs. Pasri, who is in advanced state of pregnancy was sent back to Abbottabad on Feb. 18 and is at present in protective custody arranged by the Deputy Commissioner.

AGAINST ISLAMIC LAW

The Provincial Government are satisfied that Mrs. Pasri's statement was made of her own free will and represents her free and positive decision in this matter. The Provincial Government are further satisfied that the claim now made by a section of Muslim opinion that the girl should be handed over to her Muslim protector is not only contrary to Islamic Law but to all accepted moral standards.

CLAIM & COUNTER-CLAIM

This Sikh girl was brought to relief camp after her husband was killed during riots in Mallach area in Hazara District. She is alleged to have embraced Islam a few days later in an Abbottabad Mosque and married a Muslim youth. The Sikh population of the town alleged that she was converted to Islam by force and as such resented forcible conversion.

As the situation was likely to grow more tense, she was separated from her new Muslim husband and detained in one of the jails in Hazara District.

The Muslims claim that because the girl has willingly embraced Islam, she should be immediately handed over to her new Muslim husband while the Sikhs assert that she had been forcibly converted to Islam and as such she must be handed over to the Sikhs.

The Muslim League held meetings in Peshawar and Mardan and also made demonstrations in this connection.

MATTHAI JUSTIFIES INCREASE IN FARES

Several Members Attack Railway Budget In Council Of State

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21, (API): Opposition to the increase in railway fare and criticism of Government's failure to provide amenities to third class railway passengers were voiced in the Council of State today during the general discussion on the Railway Budget.

Rai Bahadur Srinarain Mahatha said that no case had been made out for the increase. Government should have waited till the report of the committee they had appointed to examine the financial structure of the railways was received. With an aggregate total of Rs. 109 crores, inclusive of Depreciation and Reserve Funds, a further contribution of five crores this year to the fund was not called for.

Mr. V. V. Kalikkar said that what Sir Edward Benthall, the former Railway Member, failed to do the present popular Government had achieved in respect of the increased fare.

Mr. Brijlal Biyani spoke at length on the miserable travelling conditions.

Khan Bahadur Karamat Ali said that rail-road co-ordination should be worked in such a way as to benefit the rural public and not purely from financial considerations.

Flt. Lt. Rup Chand said that the people's Government had not presented a people's budget. He wondered how Government could increase the fare without any improvement in travel conditions.

Mr. Sarput Singh supported the increase in fare.

Rai Bahadur S. K. Das said that on the existing revenue and expenditure of the railways, there should have been a surplus of seven crores but instead the Railway Member by his contribution to the Reserve Fund had shown a deficit. He strongly protested against the increase in fares without any corresponding benefit to the travelling public.

DEAD RAT CAUSES DELAY

Haji Syed Huhammad Husain urged the Railway authorities to take steps to see trains were run punctually. On the E.I.R., he complained, for weeks on end trains were running from five to eight hours late. Once a dead rat was found in the exhaust pipe of the locomotive which caused the delay.

Mr. Husain said that the time had come when the railway board should put an end to Hindu and Muslim cries on the platforms.

Mr. Mohendra Lal Das asked whether the rail was existed for the benefit of the people or the people existed for the benefit of the railways.

Pt. Kunzru said he would have preferred Government postponing the increase in fare.

Pt. Kunzru asked if there was anymore need for the Railway Clearing Office now that most of the important lines in the country were managed by the State and whether there was any further need to maintain complicated agreements which were entered into between systems of railways in the past.

Mr. H. D. Townsend said that the Railways should not be asked to contribute to the General Revenues to such an extent as to prevent improvement of services.

WHY IN PAKISTAN?

Mr. Thirumala Row opposed the location of the Locomotive Workshop in Kancharapara under present circumstances. The latest statement of H.M.G. was typically British and it contained everything for everybody and he did not know whether the Central Government could have such a key industry in a territory over which they would have no control.

Syed Mohd Padsha (Muslim League) welcomed Mr. Thirumala Row's remarks on the location of the locomotive workshop and said he was gratified because it was an admission of Pakistan and a realisation that the division of India was an accomplished fact. If there was general recognition of that principle Mr. Padsha said there would be no difficulty in settling India's problem and achieve independence.

Col. Ralph Emerson, Chief Commissioner for Railways, replying to the debate said that he also deplored the discomforts of travelling in India today but this discomfort was not peculiar to India. In other countries, he said, the position was much, worse.

Mr. Emerson contended that our contribution to the Reserve Fund was not excessive. He said that the American Railways contributed to the Depreciation Fund and amortisation 4.57 per cent, whereas Indian railways contributed 1.8 and 1.2 per cent.

MATTHAI'S REPLY

Dr. John Matthai, Railway Member, winding up the debate justified the increase in fare. He said that military traffic was falling off rapidly and it would take sometime before civilian traffic could take its place. The report of Pay Commission and the adjudicators award were awaited and he was not sure how the wage bill would be affected.

The House adjourned till February 24.

30 Killed In Explosion In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (APA). At least thirty persons were killed in an explosion in Los Angeles last night and more than a hundred were injured, according to police estimates.

The Deputy Chief of Police Osser Reed estimated however, that the death toll would reach about 75 dead and over 300 persons injured. He said that over 300 homes were damaged by the blast.

The explosion occurred in an electro-plating works. The violent blast wrecked an area four blocks square and damaged buildings for an area of one mile.

A score of motorcars parked near the scene were destroyed. The police department declared a state of emergency and summoned all policemen to duty as well as all the staff members of emergency hospitals.

A fire department official who witnessed the explosion said: "The whole area seemed to go up in smoke, similar to the pictures we have seen of the atomic bomb explosions."

Police said it was the worst holocaust in the city's history and the greatest accident in Southern California since the earthquake of 1933.

SWISS CITIZENS IN FRENCH PRISONS

BERNE Feb. 21, (Reuter): Many Swiss citizens are being "unjustly held in French prisons for alleged collaboration with the enemy", a Parliamentary Commission of the Swiss National Council for Foreign Affairs alleged here last night.

Most of the Swiss charged by the French are businessmen or farmers who supplied goods and produced to the German occupation authorities or interpreters who were employed in German service.

Malakand Inquiry Concludes

PESHAWAR, Feb. 21, (A. P. I.): The Department Inquiry into the charges against Nawab Mahboob Ali former political Agent of Malakand in connection with the stoning incident during Pandit Nehru's visit to Malakand on October 21 last concluded yesterday when arguments were heard.

Mr. Justice Clark of the Madras High Court who was conducting the inquiry, is expected to submit his report to the Government of India shortly.

The inquiry which originally started at Risalpur and then shifted to Peshawar after a few days, lasted a fortnight during which sixteen prosecution witnesses and nineteen defence witnesses were examined. Prominent among the prosecution witnesses were Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Dr. Khan Sahib, the Frontier Premier, and Colonel La Porque, Chief Secretary to the Frontier Government, while prominent among defence witnesses was Shahibzada Jehanzeb, Heir-Apparent of Swat State.

Mr. Pir Bakhsh Khan, former Public Prosecutor, represented the Crown while Shaikh Mohd. Shafi, also a former public prosecutor, appeared for Nawab Mahboob Ali.

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Dr. K. B. Hormuzdi — Defendant

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Observing that this was the first case in which a tenant claimed to be restored to possession under section 12 of the Rent Act, after taking evidence his lordship ordered that the defendant-tenant be placed in occupation of the premises and that possession be restored to him.

Mr. M. J. Mistree and Mr. K. H. Bhabha instructed by Messrs. Mulla & Mulla appeared for the defendant in support of the Chamber Summons.

Mr. S. D. Vimadalal instructed by Messrs. Daphtary Fereira & Diwan appeared for the plaintiff to oppose it.

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(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Sir Alwyn Ezra—Plaintiff
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The Bank of India Ltd. and others—Defendants

By a Deed of Settlement, the plaintiff's deceased father Joseph Elias Ezra had settled securities of the value of Rs. 10 lakhs on trust to pay its income to the settler himself during his life, thereafter to his wife Sophie for her life and after the death of the survivor to his son the plaintiff for life. Under the Deed of Settlement the settler had reserved to himself a power of revocation. Clause (e) of the Deed of Settlement further provided that on the death of the plaintiff the trust property was to be held in trust for the plaintiff's children in such shares as the plaintiff should appoint. Clauses (f) and (g) of the Deed then provided that on failure or determination of the trusts in clause (e) the trust property was to be held on trust for certain other descendants of the settler. At the date of the settlement the plaintiff had no children.

The plaintiff took out the present Originating Summons for the construction of two questions which arose in the light of the recent decision of the Privy Council in the case of Sopher vs. The Administrator-General of Bengal:—

(1) Whether the power of revocation or the power of appointment contained in the Deed of Settlement made the trusts in favour of the unborn children of the plaintiff void.

(2) If the above trusts were void, whether the subsequent trusts under clauses (f) and (g) of the Deed were also void under section 16 of the Transfer of Property Act.

His lordship was of opinion that a power of revocation was not a contingency but was a clause of defeasance and the interest created in favour of the plaintiff's unborn children was liable to be defeated at any time during the lifetime of the settler by the exercise of the power of revocation contained in the Deed. Consequently, his lordships held that the dispositions to the unborn children of the plaintiff were void in law under the decision in Sopher's case. But his lordship was of opinion that the power of appointment being in such terms that by its exercise the plaintiff could create interests in favour of unborn persons which were not absolute and which were therefore void, the power of appointment itself was void, and but for the power of revocation which vitiated the dispositions he would have held that the dispositions to the unborn were not affected by the void power of appointment.

With regard to the second question Mr. J. A. Shah instructed by Messrs peared for defendants 7 and 8. Ambubhai & Diwanji appeared for of the settler as regards the corpus and income after the life-interest his lordship held that the subsequent dispositions were also void in law because they were not alternative or independent dispositions but were dependent on the failure of the previous interests.

His lordship, therefore, held that there was a resulting trust in favour given to the plaintiff. The plaintiff was the residuary legate under the will of his mother who was the residuary legate under the will of the settler. The plaintiff therefore became entitled to the corpus of the trust fund.

Mr. H. D. Banaji instructed by Messrs. Wadia Gandhy & Co., appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. B. D. Boovanwalla instructed by Messrs. Wadia Gandhy & Co., appeared for defendant 1.

Mr. P. P. Khambatta instructed by Messrs. A. E. Gandhy & Co., appeared for defendant 2.

Mr. M. J. Mistree instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co., appeared for defendants 3 and 4; instructed by Messrs. Merwanji Cola & Co., appeared for defendants 5 and 6; instructed by Messrs. Sahiar & Co., appeared for defendant 10.

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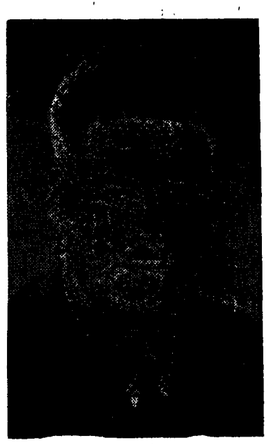

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When duty sends her call to thee,
Silently and humbly offer thine all.
Be free from fear
and prove thy manhood in difficult endeavour
—Rabindranath Tagore.

The Bombay Chronicle

CONGRESS RESPONSIBILITY

The statement on India made by Mr. Attlee in the Commons on Thursday was expected to be an unequivocal answer to various issues raised by the Congress and the League. The Congress or rather the Congress section of the Interim Government was understood to have asked if the League could continue to be in the Government without agreeing to join the Constituent Assembly or accepting the principle of joint responsibility in the Government. And the League had urged that, as the Congress had not really accepted the statement of December 6, the Constituent Assembly was not functioning validly. The latest White Paper does not specifically decide these issues but, to some extent, helps a settlement thereon by making an older issue clearer than ever before, namely, Britain's repeated offer to transfer power to India as early as possible. The offer in the statement of May 16 was that the transfer would be to a Central Government formed under a constitution framed by a representative Constituent Assembly. The present White Paper itself says: "His Majesty's Government desire to hand over their responsibility to authorities established by a constitution approved by all parties in India in accordance with the Cabinet Mission's plan". But it adds: "There is at present no clear prospect that such a constitution and such authorities will emerge". Indeed, just at present the prospects of an agreed constitution are hardly rosy. Many have contended that the very presence of the British as the third party hinders a settlement and repeatedly have urged Britain to withdraw and leave Indians to settle their own disputes. The White Paper is an answer to this appeal and it says: "The present state of uncertainty is fraught with danger and cannot be indefinitely prolonged. His Majesty's Government wish to make it clear that it is their definite intention to take necessary steps to effect the transference of power to responsible Indian hands by a date not later than June 1948".

In so far as the time for the transfer of power is made definite the White Paper is most welcome whatever its shortcomings in other respects. But the question remains: To whom is power to be transferred? If there is an agreed constitution by a duly representative Constituent Assembly there is no difficulty. But in its absence the White Paper says: **"His Majesty's Government will have to consider to whom the powers of the Central Government in British India should be handed over, on due date, whether as a whole to some form of Central Government for British India, or in some areas to the existing provincial Governments, or in such other way as may seem most reasonable and in the best interests of the Indian people".**

This method of transfer or distribution of power seems to be far more indefinite than that of the statement of December 6, which suggested that the constitution framed by the Constituent Assembly would be accepted except that it would not be enforced on unwilling areas. The present plan makes possible a mischievous distribution of power, though not intended to be so. One of the permissible implications of the statement is that, if there is no agreed settlement the League will get Pakistan independent of Hindustan. According to the Associated Press of America this view is held by some important Congressmen who, however, feel that if the situation remained as at present during the next fifteen months the League would be politically in control only in the provinces of Sind and Bengal.

One of the most important results of the White Paper is that the responsibility of securing an undivided India has been thrown on Congress as representing the majority in India. Secondly, the Congress cannot with any justification start now a fresh struggle for freedom as suggested by a few Congressmen. For the British Government has already given a definite pledge to leave India and to that extent has satisfied the national demand. If the Congress should still regard a fresh struggle as a possibility, it should reckon with the probability, if not certainty, of the struggle assuming the form of civil strife. Therefore, all things considered the initiative for a satisfactory settlement should now be taken by the Congress. And it behoves Congress to discharge this responsibility in an exemplary spirit of generosity towards the Muslims, without, of course harming the interests of the country as a whole. The question may be considered at the outset of initiating negotiations quite afresh without any commitments on either side, something like writing on a new slate. In that case an agreed constitution based, say, on the Sapru Scheme may well be attempted. If however, the Cabinet Mission's scheme is considered to be the best basis on the ground that it has been generally accepted by both the parties, negotiations can be attempted on that basis, without, in the first instance undue emphasis on details. Assuming that, as things stand, the Grouping system is as essential as the plan for Central Government, it will be best not to disturb it with too many qualifications even before the negotiations commence. We cannot help feeling that once negotiations are begun and carried on in a spirit of sympathy and compromise, many of the present suspicions can be removed and differences can be minimised, if they cannot be entirely composed. In satisfying diffident minorities, it is well said, it is not sufficient for the majority to be just and generous, it should make the minorities feel that they have received justice and generosity. We earnestly hope Gandhiji and other Congress leaders, who have in the past made so many earnest efforts to effect a settlement with the League, will make one more supreme effort in the hour of a fast-developing crisis. The White Paper has not only put a great responsibility on the Congress but has also given it a great opportunity to devise an agreed constitution without any external interference. That opportunity deserves to be seized at once and turned to the best account.

Frankly Speaking

Indians In Colonies

Some plain speaking on behalf of India on the condition of Indians in British Colonies like Trinidad, British Guiana and Fiji and on the indifference of His Majesty's Government was overdue. We are glad that Pandit Hridaya Nath Kunzru's resolution in the Council of State for the appointment of Indian Agents in those Colonies gave Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the opportunity to do so. The condition of Indian settlers in those countries are scandalous, as we recently had occasion to comment on one instance. And it does not reflect any credit on a Labour Government in Britain which is directly responsible for the governance of those Colonies that there should be no appreciable improvement in the conditions and, that, indeed, the British Government should be so indifferent as to ignore repeated demands from the Interim Government to agree to the appointment of Indian Agents in those Colonies. Surely H.M.G. does not lack in sensibility to realise how necessary and urgent the question should be to this country which owes a responsibility to its unhappy children in British Colonies?

Necessary Warning

But as Pandit Nehru said, "our first efforts should be to attain power in India and other things afterwards.." The attainment of power is now, we trust, a matter of only 15 months. But the debate in the Council of State was immensely useful because it revealed to the British how India feels on the treatment of Indians in the Colonies. It is a warning to the British and to others that, to quote Pandit Nehru again, "India resented any ill-treatment of her children abroad and if we had not the strength to protect them to-day we would do it to-morrow." It would not be long before India will have her "strong arm" and be able effectively to do her duty by her nationals in other countries as other Powers do. Meanwhile, the British Government and the British capitalists and rulers in the Colonies have had a warning. Incidentally, it will not be irrelevant to mention an important point here. We hear a great deal about the rights and dues of "Europeans" in India and the need to protect and safeguard them. The future Treaty between India and Britain ought to have provisions for reciprocal treatment of Indians in the Colonies for they too have made vital contributions with their labour to the progress and prosperity of those colonies.

Wavell And Mountbatten

We wonder if too much political significance should be attached to the appointment of Lord Mountbatten in place of Lord Wavell as if the latter was a partisan and had to be "dismissed" for that reason. Lord Wavell has undoubtedly failed in what he had set before himself as his principal mission, namely, the bringing of the two major parties together in agreement. He will, as is not rare with him, admit it himself. But the change does not mean a radical change in Viceregal attitude and approach to controversial Indian politics. There is no reason to think so—at least yet. Moreover, the appointment by Lord Mountbatten to his personal staff of intimate associates of Mr. Winston Churchill and the late Lord Willingdon is not altogether gratifying unless they are considered as experts in organising the military and civil evacuation of the whole of India by the British and are being brought for that purpose.

Trade Mission To Mid-East

An announcement has just been made that the Government of India has decided to depute a trade mission, composed of both Muslims and Hindus to the Middle East countries. The purpose of the mission will be to make a brief survey of trade in these countries with special reference to their trade with India particularly their potentialities as markets for Indian goods and manufactures and to suggest ways and means for the rehabilitation and development of Indian trade with these countries. It is interesting to note that the mission—incidentally, it is led by Mr. M. A. H. Ispahani, a prominent Muslim League leader and member of its Working Committee—has been appointed by the Commerce Department, the portfolio of which is held by a Muslim League Member. It is, therefore, all the more welcome. The terms of reference clearly imply the acceptance of the fact of Indian economic unity. And we are sure the Mission, when it comes down to brass tacks in its negotiations with Mid-East countries, will find and bring back to India further confirmation of the fact that a united India will be economically much more beneficial than a divided India to the interests both of this great country and those who trade with it.

Rent Bill

Much of the misunderstanding caused among the public by the Bombay Government's new Rent Control Bill would have been prevented if wide publicity had been given earlier to the explanations given by Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Law and Supplies, at a press conference on Friday. Mr. Desai pointed out that one of the principal objects of the Bill was to encourage prompt repairs in buildings by permitting an increase of 10 per cent in the standard rent "for current repairs actually carried out." It cannot be denied that numerous buildings are in a deplorable condition of disrepair. As the cost of repairs has grown enormously some increase in rent is necessary to ensure prompt and efficient repairs. It may also be conceded that, as considerable private capital still needs to be employed for an adequate provision of housing, it is necessary to ensure a fair return to house-owners. Else many people may find it impossible to obtain any tolerable accommodation. But the question should be carefully considered if a fair graduated scale of increase for different rents would not be more equitable than a flat rate of 10 per cent for all rents.

Central Assembly Passes Disputes Bill

Several Amendments By N.M. Joshi And Maniben Kara Turned Down

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21, (A. P.I.): After a debate lasting seven days, the Industrial Disputes Bill passed in the Assembly this evening by 33 votes to three.

Opposition to the Bill was doggedly maintained to the last by the three Labour members, Mr. N. M. Joshi, Mr. Guruswami and Miss Maniben Kara, who moved a series of amendments to the most contentious of the Bill's 40 clauses. Only a few of these amendments were accepted by the House.

During the third reading, closure was moved after Mr Satyapriya Banerjee, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed and Mr. N. M. Joshi had spoken and Miss Maniben Kara rose. Mr. Joshi, opposing the attempt to terminate the debate at this point, contended that there had not been sufficient debate on the motion for the third reading.

The Chair ruled that the debate has lasted sufficiently long.

Mr. N. M. Joshi opposing the third reading of the Bill said that they were told that the Communists were creating labour unrest. If Communists were doing anything wrong, there were enough laws on the statute book to deal with them. But was it not wrong to punish the "victims" of the Communists? If the working class of a whole country came under the influence of the Communists so easily, was it not a warning to the Government of that country that something was wrong with Government themselves?

Nobody—neither the Congress nor the Muslim League—was prepared to accept compulsory arbitration for settling differences. Then why force compulsory arbitration upon the working class alone?

If he had any influence with the Government of India, he would have suggested to them to bring in measures for labour welfare first and the present measure later on, "Give the workers social security and reasonable comfort and then by all means devise some measure by which, if you think the working classes are doing any mischief, you may stop them".

The clause in the Bill made delay in the removal of the grievances of the workers. It might even take some years before the procedure laid down in the Bill was completed. The Bombay Government had provided for a shorter period in their Bill.

The Labour Commissioner, Mr. S. C. Joshi: It is the same.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: It is not the same. The Government of India are not willing to learn wisdom from anybody.

Mr. Jagjeevan Ram, Labour Member, replying to the debate thanked the House for the help and co-operation extended to him during consideration of the Bill. He praised Mr. N. M. Joshi for the tenacity with which he had persistently pressed his amendments.

Government proposed to do many things for the benefit of the labouring classes, said the Labour Member. Nobody could charge them with having done nothing so far.

Mr. N. M. Joshi: What have you done?

Mr. Jagjeevan Ram: I will ask my friend to say conscientiously whether or not we have introduced some beneficial measures since our assumption of office.

Mr. Joshi: You have introduced a wrong order.

Mr. Jagjeevan Ram: I still challenge him to say whether we have not introduced some measures which will be very beneficial to the working classes of this country. (Cheers).

Government proposed to bring in soon various other measures for the improvement of the condition of the working class of this country.

Everybody knew that the labour unrest prevailed not only in this country but throughout the world as an after-effect of the war. But in the interests of the workers themselves, who were the weaker party, Government could not stand by and see the fight between the employers and employees.

The Bill was passed by 33 votes to three, the three Labour members; Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. Guruswamy and Miss Maniben Kara opposed and all other parties voted for the Bill.

Earlier, a number of amendments moved by Mr. N. M. Joshi and Miss Kara were rejected. Among other things, the amendments sought to reduce substantially the sentences of imprisonment and fines which can be imposed on workers as penalty for breach of the provisions of the Bill and to exclude individual workers from the operation of the Clause 29 (penalties for breach of settlement or award).

Clause twenty-nine was adopted by 43 votes to five. The three Labour members, Mr. P. J. Griffiths and Capt. G. T. B. Harvey voted against, while other members of the European Group remained neutral.

The House adjourned till to-morrow.

Industrial

1947 WILL BE AUSTERITY YEAR

Mr. K. L. Punjabi, Food Secretary, said in the Central Assembly to-day in reply to Mr Ahmed Jaffer that the rice deficiency in India would continue throughout 1947. As regards other foodgrains the prospects of the Rabi crop were still indeterminate. In fact, news had been received of damage to the wheat crop in Central India, Bombay, Hyderabad and the Central Provinces owing to recent heavy rains. A period of severe austerity appeared to be in sight.

The approximate cost of foodstuffs imported in 1946 was Rs. 77.43 crores. In respect of these the Central Government agreed to charge to the Provincial Governments such prices as would enable them to maintain the existing prices to the consumers. The cost involved in such subsidies was about Rs. 15 1/2 crores in 1946. During the period from April 1, 1946, to January 15, 1947, the Central Government sanctioned grants totalling Rs. 4,74,32,128 to the Provincial Governments out of the Grow More Food Fund.

In a written reply to Pt. Sri Krishna Dutt Paliwal, Sir Pheroze Kharegat, Secretary for Agriculture, said that the food production plan for the five years 1947-52 provided for an increase of four million tons of food grains a year by the end of that period.

TEN MORE MILLS IN 1947

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member for Industries and Supplies, said in reply to the same member that in pursuance of the report of the post-war planning committee (textiles) Government had issued licences for the import of about 2.85 million spindles to expand India's textile manufacturing capacity. It was expected that machinery would be received and set up for at least ten new mills during 1947.

ADJOURNMENT RULED OUT

The President ruled out an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. Mohd. Nauman (Muslim League) on "the use of troops against peaceful workers in the movement for the restoration of civil liberties in the Punjab" as evidenced by the Punjab Government's Communique published in to-day's newspapers.

Hardening Br. Attitude On Sterling Balances

Dalton Accepts Churchill's Thesis On Counter-Claims For Wartime Defence

LONDON, Feb. 21, (Reuter): The questions addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, in the House of Commons yesterday indicate hardening in the attitude of both the Government and the Opposition to the Sterling Balances, says Reuter's Financial Editor.

Questioned by Capt. Gammans (Conservative), the Chancellor recalled an earlier statement that in all negotiations about the Sterling Balances account must be taken of comparative war effort of the parties.

The Chancellor has now evidently accepted Mr. Churchill's thesis that Britain reserves the right to present a counter-claim for the defence of a creditor country during the war.

Although the questions in the House have so far related to Latin America and India, they do not affect Latin America at all and they may affect India much less than Egypt, Iraq and certain other countries.

DALTON THANKFUL FOR TORY SUPPORT

Very significantly, the Chancellor has now said that he is greatful for "the support from the Opposition in the battle which I shall be conducting for some time to preserve the British tax-payer having to bear grossly inequitable burdens".

BRITAIN ALONE FORCED TO PAY COST OF WAR

This was in reply to a question about scaling down and that is what it means. Previously, the Chancellor had put it that he finds it "extremely ironic" that Britain should be the only country forced to pay the cost of the war. Mr. Anthony Eden gave the Opposition's "full endorsement" of the Chancellor's attitude.

The matter does not arise regarding Argentina, because Britain cannot claim to have physically defended any Latin American country. For much of the war, Argentine was neutral and the Chancellor has dropped his suggestions that neutrals should pay part of the cost of the war or rather of post-war rehabilitation.

There can be little question that Britain did physically defend India, but it is recognised in London that a great number of Indians would hotly deny that India wanted to be defended in that way.

It is suggested, however, that Egypt and Iraq are in a very different category. Britain did defend them physically and Egypt, for example, never suggested that she wanted to be occupied by Italy or Germany. In regard to Iraq, the Chancellor has also recalled the "Rashid Ali Revolt" of 1941 from which he agreed with the questioner that "it might be argued" that the Iraq Government ought to pay a fair portion of the war cost.

SHOULD PALESTINE FOOT BILL FOR BR. EIGHTH ARMY?

He did not reply on Monday to the suggestion that the Palestine Government ought to bear the share of the expenses incurred by the British Eighth Army though he mentioned that he was consulting the Colonial Secretary whether Palestine should make any further contribution to the cost of keeping order there.

He has also stated that the question of taking steps to prevent the countries within Sterling Area from using their accumulated Sterling Balances for current purchase of British Goods "is being covered in our negotiations on Sterling Balances".

The crux of the negotiations with Sterling Area countries is how much of the Balances shall be frted for conversation into dollars. Britain wants to limit this "to reasonable needs" taking into Account that if, for example, the Anglo-Indian Trade continues as at present, India will have no "Current Sterling earnings" to become convertible after July.

This is not a matter of whether India imports luxuries or gold or even machinery. There is a real question of how long Britain can continue to spare dollars even for her own imports of food and food imports of other countries whose dollar deficit is footed by Britain.

Under the Sterling Area system it is for the licensing authorities of each country to be their own judge as to what imports are really essential.

BRITAIN COULD APPLY SANCTION

It is felt in London that if responsible Indian opinion has no desire whatever to torpedo the Sterling since it would mean torpedoing the Rupee. But, if irresponsible opinion got the upper hand in any creditor country, Britain could apply sanction.

The "Sterling Area" no longer exists. It is now called "scheduled territories" to which Britain does not apply exchange control. India's new Exchange Control Act makes the same provision.

If any creditor country were dropped from the British schedule, its Sterling Balance would not be blocked but it could not be remitted. It would then come under the same exchange control as applies to the remittances from Britain to the United States or any other hard currency country, whereas, at present there is no exchange control whatever on any transfer of capital to or from any of the Scheduled Territories.

Such Sterling could then not be sent on anything though it might still be investible in British securities. But it could not be spent even in silver.

Dr. Keynes used to say that if you owe your banker a thousand pounds, you are at his mercy. Britain owes more than £3,500,000,000.

Attitudes And Latitudes

By BIRBAL

Birbal's Apologies

The new all Hindustan political party with Sarat Chandra Bose at the helm of its affairs announced sometime back has proved to be as volatile as the rest of its kind, the advent and disappearance of which we in Hindustan, politics witness every other day, the disappearance dogging the advent like shadow the substance. The adroitly and economically worded press reports led Birbal to believe that the party had already been formed with the I.N.A. as its nucleus. For once Birbal has to own up to his having been thoroughly fooled. He has the inside story now and being no believer in keeping a secret must share the story with his friends, admirers and enemies. (The last lot is thrown in only to swell up the ranks to an impressive figure).

The strength of the party was, is and promises to remain one. The boisterous announcement of the party formation, it would seem, was a last desperate effort to dragoon at least one section of the I.N.A. into joining the party.

It was at Belgachia Villa in Calcutta where some of the important I.N.A. officers and other leaders of the Indian Independence movement in South East Asia were on show during the Netaji Birthday celebration week, that the Netaji's brother first tried to put the idea across to the I.N.A. The meeting was in camera and those valiant fighters were spoken to under an oath of secrecy.

During the discussion on the proposed party that ensued, the I.N.A. spokesmen with statesmanlike dexterity avoided discussing the merits of the proposal. Yet they left no manner of doubt in the mind of the promoter of this party as regards their attitude to it. Some of them superciliously dismissed all those arguments advanced in favour of the formation of the party as an alternative to the 'palsied' Congress. One very important member of the I.N.A. is reported to have said that the argument that since the Congress had exploited the name of Netaji and the I.N.A. for its own political ends without doing sufficient social justice by them, ergo the I.N.A. had to now stand aloof from the Congress and join another political organisation as conceived now, reminded him of a continental hotel sign-board which read, "Step right in! Why go elsewhere to be cheated?

Birbal is in a position to state that none of the more influential section of the I.N.A. leadership is likely to lend his or her support to the new party and that the I.N.A. as a whole means to stick to the recently laid down principle that the personnel of that organisation should function extra-politically. The Azad Hind Party, so named in the womb, is dead with the first feeble cry.

Roving Ambassador

One of the most cheering news to come from New Delhi is the reported decision of the External Affairs Department of the Government of India to send a goodwill mission to the near Eastern (or from our geographical position Near Western) countries. This mission, it is learnt, will be headed by Maulana Azad, and it is scheduled to visit Persia, Arabia, Iraq, Egypt and Turkey. Such a mission is long overdue. A roving ambassador for Europe is of less significance to our country than a goodwill mission to the Near West. The British Government are trying to entrench their position in that part of Asia, and there is every danger of Anglo-Russian tension snapping there. Our independent foreign policy finds in the Middle West the most vital, and if we succeed the most fruitful, field.

The battle for Pakistan would be lost, once the Near Western countries understand and approve the Congress stand. From the days of the Khilafat the Congress should have maintained organic links with the Islamic countries. The fatal mistake can at least now be made good. BIRBAL had often urged upon Maulana Saheb to lead a goodwill mission of the Congress to the Middle Western countries. A Government mission is the next best.

Swan-Song

Mr Mrinal Kanti Bose, the retiring President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, mournfully admits that "The A.I.T.U.C. has been more or less ignored. Measures relating to Labour have been initiated without consultation with the A.I.T.U.C. and where consultation had taken place, its voice has been more or less ineffective." For an organisation celebrating its silver jubilee this is a tragic admission to make. The cause is not far to seek. The Trade Union movement remains split up into small factory unions. Outside the railways there are no big national unions. Until the T.U.C. transforms itself into a federation of nation-wide industrial unions it cannot hope to combat the post-war capitalism and the new state. The T.U.C. again has been paralysed by political differences inside it. During the crucial war years, it had no lead to offer! Unless the T.U.C. pushes back political consideration and concentrates on the building up of a well integrated, T.U. movement the present situation will continue.

Burma Ahead?

"Burma is economically weak, but politically better off than her big neighbour, India," recently observed U Aung San, the Burmese leader. This weakness of India is not solely due to communal divisions. It partly emerges from the indifference, even a veiled hostility, to the organisation and mobilisation of revolutionary forces. In Burma 40,000 policemen have banded themselves together into a union, and its leader, U. Wan Maung, can publicly declare that "the Burma Police will launch an all-out struggle for national independence if it is not achieved before November!" In India, the Congress Government swoops down upon the Socialists because they distribute patriotic pamphlets among the police and the armed forces! Even the organisation of Government employees is frowned upon. The Bombay Premier recently denounced in strongest terms the decision of primary teachers to strike work for improved conditions of life and work. Where teachers cannot organise and agitate, how dare policemen strike and lead? What wonder if little Burma boasts of being politically more advanced, and better placed than big India!

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TETE A TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Pandit Nehru said that H.M.G. had been addressed on the question (of Indian agents in the Colonies) on November 27 last and it was pointed out in that communication that the appointment of Indian Agents in those countries was urgent. So far no reply had been received and on January 28, a telegraphic reminder was sent, to which no reply had so far been received.
—Council of State Report.

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Britain is to quit India not later than June 1948.
—Interpretation of the Attlee Pronouncement.

All right. Fifteen or sixteen months more don't matter after fifteen or sixteen decades.

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Failing agreement, H.M.G., said Mr. Attlee, would have to consider to whom the powers of the Central Government in British India should be handed over.

Even that doesn't matter if the transfer is really—transfer.

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Turning to Indian States, Mr. Attlee declared: "His Majesty's Government will negotiate agreements in regard to matters arising out of the transference of power with representatives of those to whom they propose to transfer power."

Is there any question as to who those representatives are? None. In fact, it is most gratifying that His Majesty's Labour-Socialist Government too is fully conscious of "Divine Right" at least in Princely India.

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Asked by the A.P.I., Mr. Jinnah said: "It appears to be a very important statement and it requires very careful examination before the Muslim League or I can express any opinion with regard to it."

May one, that is to say, take it that the League organ's comment should be considered to be cancelled as having been indiscreedly unauthorised?

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Apropos of the fact that Field Marshal Lord Wavell is to be succeeded by Admiral Lord Mountbatten, the Junior colleague has come forward unasked with a suggestion. The deadline, he says, should, when the time comes, be extended from June 1948 to at least June 1949, with an Air Chief Marshal succeeding the Admiral. For since the British Army and the Royal Navy will have been given opportunities of post-war Viceroying and Governor-Generaling there is no reason why the Royal Air Force should be denied the same privilege.

Which we reject. There might then be demands on behalf of the Home Guards, the Mercantile Marine, the R.A.M.C., the Fire-watchers and even the A.T.S. etc.

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The Communist "Daily Worker" of London writes: "The (Indian) deadlock is the direct outcome of the Labour Government's policy of divide and rule. During the London talks in December last they made it clear that they were backing the Muslim League against the Congress."

H.M.G. might plead that they were guilty only of inability to keep track of the—er—dynamic party line?

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Women "Raid" Bombay Assembly
—Headline.

We are relieved to note that they didn't make any "arrests."

'Will Open New Chapter'

Mrs. Naidu On Importance Of Asian Conference

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 20, (A. P. I.): "The Asian Relations Conference which will take place in Delhi on March 23 will contribute, I hope, a new chapter in the history of renascent Asia" said Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Chairman, Preparatory Committee of the Conference in an interview. Although the Conference has been called mainly for discussion of economic, social and cultural problems of common interest, it will, I am confident, be something more far reaching and more permanent than an Assembly of scholars and observers engaged in academic discussion Mrs. Naidu said. "It will, I am sure, establish goodwill and friendship among the eastern peoples and bring about in the fullness of time a sting and dynamic co-operation of the Asiatic nations which will promote and foster peace and progress in the world. This is only the first gesture toward that long cherished and greatly desired ideal."

"INDIA CAN MAKE IT"

(From our correspondent)

POONA, Feb. 20.

"India can make it" is the main purpose of the International Industrial Exhibition that will be opened in Poona on March 1st and the organisers have planned to continue it at least for a period of one month.

As many as 250 stalls have been erected, wherein products from Kashmir to Mysore will be exhibited. Village industries will have also their rightful place.

The exhibition is first of its kind in Poona since the end of the war and it will afford peacetime opportunity to demonstrate that the wartime advantages which Indian Industries accured can be turned into peacetime gain. It is being conducted by a few businessmen of Bombay, including Messrs. Pervez N. Bharucha, Manilal M. Mehta & H. Nensey and others

Home Guards Bill For Select Committee

Opposition Leader Hails It As Step In Right Direction

MORARJI INTRODUCES BILL TO PROVIDE RIGHT OF DIVORCE TO HINDU WOMEN

BOMBAY, Friday.

Brisk business was transacted by the Bombay Legislative Assembly today when it referred to a Select Committee the Bill to provide for the Constitution of Home Guards and commenced consideration of the Bill to provide for a right of divorce among all communities of Hindus.

Moving the First Reading of the Home Guards Bill Mr. Morarji Desai Minister for Home and Revenue said that ever since the Congress Ministry took office it was their intention to constitute a volunteer force from among young men and women who desired to serve society and government, to give them a proper training and confer certain powers on the force. People of this country, generally speaking, lacked opportunities of training and discipline and it was considered necessary to train volunteers who would be useful in an emergency.

The disturbed conditions in Bombay and Ahmedabad added to this necessity and a demand was made from every quarter to have a Home Guard such as the one which functioned in England during the war. On occasions the police force by itself was not adequate to cope with the situation. A far greater strength was required. It would be too great a burden on the revenues of the province to have a large police force which would be adequate for all emergencies. Besides, the enforced idleness during normal times would not be healthy for the force itself. That difficulty could be met if permanent volunteer forces could be maintained in all parts of the province. It would also be necessary not only to give initial training to such a force but keep it constantly and properly trained.

INDEPENDENT FORCE

Mr. Desai also clarified certain issues. The Home Guards would, in the matter of their internal arrangement, be an independent force. But whenever they worked with the police they would have to submit to the order and discipline of the police. There was no question of indignity involved in this. Even a military force when it operated with the police co-operated with the Police officers. Even so it was arranged that no police officer less than an inspector in rank could issue orders to the Home Guards.

He also explained that there was some need to have a penalty clause attached to the Bill because if the Home Guards did not obey orders not only would all the training given to them go in vain but it would add to the general demoralisation of the public.

"UNPAID POLICE"

Mr. S. A. Dange, who was the solitary opponent of the Bill described the Home Guards as an unpaid police force called upon to supplement the police in maintaining Law and Order. He argued that the police force in the country today had been brought up on an anti-national and anti-people tradition, that the force was riddled with reactionary and communal-minded officers and that the Home Guards, if placed under them would be subject to reactionary influences.

He also criticised what he termed a bureaucratic conception of Law and Order, which consisted in suppressing political demonstrations, strikes and similar activities. He alleged that the Congress had come under the influence of landlords and capitalists and the Congress government was enforcing Law and Order against the peasants and the workers in their attempts to assert their rights.

Mr. Haji Hasannally P. Ibrahim while subscribing to the principles of the Bill expressed a fear that the scheme already in force under the Ordinance was failing. He attributed this largely to the mistrust prevailing between the communities and said that the scheme would not succeed unless the government were able to inspire confidence among Muslims.

Mr. Khandubhai Desai supporting the Bill said that it was a simple measure for simple people. The workers whom he represented were for peace. The Bill envisaged a citizens' police force to maintain peace and to restore peace whenever it was disturbed. It had nothing to do with communities or classes and it was meant for securing conditions of peaceful living for all classes and communities.

Mr. A. H. Mirza supporting the Bill said that the object of the constitution of Home Guards was laudable as they would be valuable supplementary force to the hard-pressed and overworked police.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar warned the Government not to hasten with the legislation and advised the Government to devise other measures for supplementing the police force on a permanent basis.

Mr. A. H. Shamsuddin requesting the Home Minister to refer the Bill to a Select Committee felt the very formation of the Home Guards would give the layman an impression of impending insecurity and that trouble was brewing.

Mr. S. M. Hassan wanted the selection of candidates to be done by District and Division Committees composed of members of the House.

STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Mr. A. A. Khan, Leader of the Opposition, while hailing the Bill as a step in the right direction, requested the Government to give adequate facilities for training and enrolment of Muslim candidates. "Unless Muslims also join in this co-operative endeavour, it will not be possible for the majority community alone to maintain law and order" he added. In this connection, he cited the useful work being done by Peace Committees, composed of members of both communities, in Poona.

Mr. Khan hoped that this organisation would in due course become a Civil Militia which would be able not only to protect life and property during outbreaks of riots, but would be of general service of the people.

Morarji's Reply

Mr. Morarji Desai in a fighting reply dealt with the criticisms that had been advanced. A large part of his speech was taken up with a refutation of the allegations of Mr. Dange. In fact he launched a counter-offensive and bitterly attacked the Communist methods. He said that if they maintained and persisted in their present methods, it would be anti-social to be a communist. Any action to suppress such anti-social activity could not be termed anti-social but should be regarded as patriotic.

He asserted that when the Government of the province was in the hands of the representatives of the people the police force became a servant of the people. He was prepared to admit that when a police force supported the activity of an alien government it was an enemy of the people. But it could not eternally be an enemy of the people.

He also reiterated the intention of government to keep the force free from all communal taint. No communal consideration would prevail in the constitution, training or use of the Home Guards. There would be no platoons of separate communities. As far as possible every platoon would be a mixed platoon. If anybody was found to encourage a communal bent of mind he would be dismissed from the force. The government did not want to tolerate a spirit which would cut at the very basis of the force.

The First reading was passed with the single dissentient voice of Mr. Dange raised in an emphatic 'No'.

Mr. Morarji Desai moved reference of the Bill to a Select Committee with instructions to report in one month. The motion was carried "nemcom."

DIVORCE BILL

The Bill to provide for a right of divorce among all communities of Hindus is the result of a promise given in this behalf by the government at the last session of the Assembly. When the bill to forbid polygamy among Hindus was passed, an undertaking was given that it would soon be followed by a Divorce Bill.

Although divorce is prevalent as a matter of custom among certain communities, divorce under the law is unknown to the Hindus. The present Bill is therefore, the first of its kind in this country. The Bill provides that a husband or a wife can sue for a divorce on the ground that the defendant is impotent, is a lunatic or an idiot or is suffering from leprosy or has deserted the plaintiff or has not been heard of. There is also a special provision which allows a first wife to sue for divorce on the ground of her husband's remarriage a sort of retrospective benefit of the Monogamy act.

Moving the first reading of the Bill Mr. Morarji Desai said that the Bill was of a revolutionary nature as among Hindus there has been no legislative provision allowing divorce. Though in the past there were authorities who advocated the right of divorce, it was stoutly opposed by the conservative section among the Hindus. The present bill was drawn up in consonance with the ideals of Hindu society and also keeping the interests of Hindu women in the forefront.

"In the society as it is constituted today, it is women who require more protection than men, he continued. If the law of divorce was made more easy, advantage would be taken more often by men than women. It would be more difficult for a divorced woman to get a husband than for a divorced man to get a wife. So the provisions of the bill were drawn up with great caution and many persons may call this measure conservative compared to similar legislation obtaining in countries outside India.

Mr. Desai also announced that the Bill would be referred to a Select Committee and due consideration would be given to the suggestions put forth by members of the House during the debate on the Bill.

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VIRTUAL RECOGNITION TO PAKISTAN

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 21: First reactions are generally deceptive and it is significant, therefore, that neither the Congress nor the Muslim League leaders have commented on the British Government's latest declaration on India. The declaration has rung the final curtain on minorities which henceforth shall have to look to their majorities for protection and safeguards. The declaration does even justice to the Congress and the League demands. It meets the Congress halfway by meeting its demand for a deadline for the transfer of power and for the recall of Lord Wavell.

The declaration leaves the present situation as it is. It gives no higher recognition to the Constituent Assembly than it enjoyed after the December Sixth statement nor does it give a verdict on the Delhi resolution of the A.I.C.C. It leaves the League unfettered to remain outside the Constituent Assembly and inside the Interim Government.

Last year the British Government were not prepared to transfer its authority to more than one Central Government. Now it is and in this lies the biggest loss to undivided India.

Mr. Jinnah's staying out of the Constituent Assembly has paid him well, because he has got 'de facto' recognition of Pakistan. The League's loss, however, lies in the British Government's declaration that power may be transferred as a whole to some Central Government or in some areas to "existing provincial Governments."

Let me analyse this position: The Constituent Assembly as functioning at present is without the League which is the majority party in Sections 'B' and 'C'. These sections therefore, cannot function so long as the majority party in those Sections stays out from them. In due course, therefore, there will be a constitution for Section 'A' provinces and no such constitution for Section 'B' and 'C' provinces. According to Premier Attlee's latest declaration the British Government would transfer power to one Central Government constituted by Section 'A' Provinces and to the Governments then in existence in June 1948 in the other provinces.

It be evident that if conditions remain as they are at present, such transfer of power will be to Congress Ministers in Assam and N.W.F. and to the Coalition Ministry in the Punjab. Looking from this angle the declaration would not only encourage the League to stand out, but also Balkanisation of India and all out effort by the League to oust the Khizer Ministry from the Punjab and the Khan Sahib Ministry from the N.W.F.

Will there be a Congress-League settlement, is another question discussed here. Lobbies do not think so unless it were on the basis of undiluted Pakistan. The statement envisages the widening of the scope of the 1935 Act. That commercial and service safeguards would disappear almost immediately, is regarded as the first possibility. The statement lays great stress on peace and order in India and the strengthening of the defences of India. One view here is that the enlarged scope of the Government of India Act may give greater transitional authority for law and order to the Central Government.

Looking as a whole the declaration has been welcomed both by Congress and League papers in Delhi.

GOVERNOR APPROVES AUNG SAN'S NOMINEES

RANGOON, Feb. 21 (API): The three Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League nominees on the Executive Council having been approved by the Governor, Sir Hubert Rance, and will be sworn in at Government House tomorrow. The nominees are: U Kyan Nyein, U Ba Choe and Mr. Abdul Razak.

EX-PREMIER LOSES VOTE OF CENSURE MOTION

CANBERRA, Feb. 21 (Reuter):—A vote of censure moved by Mr. Robert G. Nenzies, ex-Premier and Opposition Leader in the Australian House of Representatives, was defeated by 37 votes to 28 after the Government had applied closure.

New Seeds Of Discord & Conflict

Dangerous Lacuna In Attlee's Statement

Mixed Reception To Br. Govt's Quit India Declaration

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad has issued the following statement on Prime Minister Clement Attlee's declaration of India policy:—

The announcement by the British Cabinet that British Rule in India will definitely end in June 1948, will finally silence those people who have been doubting the sincerity of Britain and accused her of fomenting communal differences in order to prolong British rule in India. Some Indian leaders thought and said that when British definitely withdrew from India the communal cleavage would disappear. The same hope is evidently held by the British Government in making the present pronouncement. They also have some faint hope that the present announcement may induce the two major parties to so adjust matters that the Constituent Assembly may become a fully representative body. I do not share these views and think that such hopes are doomed to fail.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO LEAGUE

The statement goes on to say that if it should appear that if a Constitution is not worked out by a fully representative Assembly before June 1948, then His Majesty's Government will have to consider to whom the powers of the Central Government in British India should be handed over as a whole in such form of Central Government for British India or in some areas in the existing Provincial Governments or in such other way as may seem most reasonable and to the best interests of India. This envisaging of the possibility of some provinces or areas in provinces remaining outside the control of the Central Government is calculated to encourage the Muslim League in persisting to boycott the Constituent Assembly.

PROSPECTS OF CIVIL WAR

The Muslim League organ the "Dawn" has already welcomed this provision as making Pakistan possible. It is difficult to see how this proviso of excluding provinces or areas from the authority of the Central Government will work. Assam and the North-West Frontier Provinces having Congress governments with the support of their respective legislatures will, in all probability, accept the constitution passed by the Constituent Assembly. In the result, the Punjab, Sind and Bengal will by reason of a Muslim League majority in these provinces remain outside the Indian Union. But even in Bengal and the Punjab, the Muslim League majority being very small the other sections of the population will remain disgruntled. If these provinces will maintain their own armed forces, there is likely to be a conflict between them and the Central Government whose authority they don't acknowledge.

LACUNA IN STATEMENT

Further, how is the Indian personnel of the existing Indian Army to be divided between the Union and those provinces that keep out of the Union? There is one *lacuna* in the Prime Minister's statement. The working of the present Interim Government is ridiculous. That Government is hopelessly divided in itself. You have the spectacle of some members contradicting and opposing openly on the floor of the House, the actions of their colleagues. It is impossible how such government can function to the best interests of the country. It is surprising that the Cabinet pronouncement is silent about this matter.

POSITION OF STATES

Then take the position of the Indian States. It is stated that paramountcy will not be transferred to the new Indian Union Government. Unless, therefore, the Princes voluntarily come into the Indian Union, they can also remain out of it. At present, they have agreed to come into the Constituent Assembly and one hopes they will stick to the idea of coming into the Union Centre. But, if by any unfortunate development, they or some of them also wish to retain their full sovereignty, that will create another disturbing factor in the way of an United India pulling her full weight in the comity of nations.

UNITE IN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

"The statement made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons clearly indicates that the British people are willingly going away and the British power will no longer remain after June 1948", says Mr. Husseinbhai Lalljee in a statement to the press.

"It is also clear that the Constituent Assembly will be allowed to carry on its work with the representatives of the 8 Provinces which include the Frontier and Assam, and with the co-operation of the Hindus from Bengal, Punjab and Sind. The association of Princes with the Constituent Assembly also makes it clear that it shall continue its work. If the Muslims of Bengal, Punjab and Sind will not join the Constituent Assembly, it will be open for them to ask their Provinces to frame such constitution as may be agreeable to them and to the Hindus so far as Bengal and Sind are concerned, and so far as the Punjab is concerned such constitution as will be agreeable to the Hindus and Sikhs.

JOIN CONSEMBLY

All this means that before June 1948 something will have to be done by the people of India and that the British influence or power will not be there and will not have any say. Further it is safe to conclude to take it that whatever constitution the Constituent Assembly will draw up, the 8 Provinces will form a group for the purposes of having one Centre, and so far as the Punjab, Sind and Bengal are concerned, if they do not carry all their peoples together, they will be left in the position they are at present, and consequently, it may be that they will have to look to the powerful Centres that will be then in being. As there appear to be great doubts whether the Punjab, Sind and Bengal will be able to carry the huge minorities of non-Muslims in their provinces together, it seems to me that the wise course will be that all the peoples of these Provinces should also try to join the Constituent Assembly and with the help of all who are there get a fair deal rather than run the risk of being left unsettled and in comparatively very small areas of the vast sub-continent of India and that too far away from one another.

A WORD TO MINORITIES

I also feel that Muslims in minority provinces, scheduled classes and other minorities should now also definitely make up their minds, and not only join the Constituent Assembly but also co-operate fully and thereby obtain fair treatment and goodwill. It is no use whatsoever to rely now on the British influence and power, more so when the British people have already intimated even to the Princes that it is for them to arrange their matters and there will be no paramountcy of British, which is a matter, I am sure, the Princes will also very seriously take into consideration.

When I have said all this, let me add that I sincerely hope that the majority Hindus will certainly realise that the minorities in India are a huge number and occupy a very important position in India, and without carrying them together this great country of ours cannot rise and prosper to be a great nation which it must become.

"BOLD AND STATESMAN-LIKE"

BOMBAY, Feb. 21 (API): Sir Homi Modi commenting on Premier Attlee's statement says: 'It is a bold and statesmanlike approach which many of us had been pressing for and which the logic of events had made inevitable. It will bring an element of realism into our political life which had been lacking all this time. With the date of departure of the last British soldier pre-determined in this fashion, it would be a very surprising thing if the Congress and the League still failed to evolve a workable solution and frame a constitution under which every community in India may live in peace and security."

"DEFINITE STEP TOWARDS FREEDOM"

CALCUTTA, Feb. 21 (UPI): "This statement is a definite step towards the achievement of freedom in India," observed Dr. B. C. Roy giving his opinion on the British Government's statement on India last night.

Dr. Roy explained that three points emerged out of the statement, viz., (1) a definite date of transfer of power has been fixed, (2) the Constituent Assembly continues to work in the hope of evolving an agreed constitution, and (3) provision for the 1935 Act being modified by fresh legislation and the appointment of the new Viceroy.

Lohia Too Sees Hope

Similar optimistic sentiment was expressed by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, the Congress Socialist leader, who is in Calcutta. Dr. Lohia said: "So far, I had been 80 per cent sceptical and only 20 per cent hopeful of British Democracy and Socialism. To-day, I am more happy than otherwise." He congratulated the brave people of Hindusthan and England who were in the background and said that he was happy "that democratic socialism has after all something of world character".

Britain Accused

Mr. Kiran Shankar Roy, the Leader of the Congress Party in the Bengal Assembly, held Great Britain responsible for the present political differences, for having introduced communal electorates and encouraged the formation of parties on religious basis.

"It was sheer hypocrisy", observed Mr. Roy, "to expect an agreement after encouraging communal bitterness through separate electorates."

Mr. Roy, however, welcomed (1) the declaration of the final date for withdrawal and (2) dismissal of Lord Wavell.

"GOOD NEWS OF YEAR"

KARACHI, Feb. 21 (API): The British Government's statement in the House of Commons yesterday is generally welcomed in political circles and the press here. The local Congress reaction is reflected by a statement of Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, a member of the Constituent Assembly, who called the statement as the good news of the year, particularly as Britain had unequivocably declared to Quit India by June 1948 by which time parties had been asked to make up. The only party which was not in the Constituent Assembly, he said, should, therefore, take its place.

While Muslim League circles await Mr. Jinnah's reaction, which, it is generally expected, will be made known shortly, there is general disposition among them to welcome it. Circles close in touch with Mr. Jinnah remarked: "It is not unwelcome to us."

FRESH OPPORTUNITY

MADRAS, Feb. 21 (API): Interviewed on the British Government's statement in the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Mohamed Usman, former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, said: "I have always held the view that agreement between the two major political parties in India is absolutely essential for the political progress of this country. The absence of this agreement is responsible for His Majesty's Government's new approach to the Indian problem. This provides a fresh opportunity for both the major political parties to come together. I sincerely trust that they would find an agreed solution in the best interest of the future peace and prosperity of India."

BRITISH GOOD FAITH

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 21 (API): Interviewed on the Prime Minister's statement of policy on India, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer said: "The Prime Minister's statement marks the most important step taken by the British Government since their assumption of rule in India. Their decision to transfer power to responsible Indian hands by a date not later than June 1948 demonstrates their good faith and indicates a fundamental alteration in world policy. At the same time the statement imposes a tremendous and inescapable responsibility on British India and the Indian States.

"Although many things are left to be inferred, the following conclusions seem to flow from the statement:—

"(1) H.M.G. take the view that the Constituent Assembly as now functioning is not fully representative and is not proceeding in accordance with the intentions of the Cabinet Mission.

"(2) They have refrained from allocating responsibility or blame to either of the two major political parties and seem to be concerned only to point out that the decision of a Constituent Assembly which is not fully representative will not be accepted by them as a basis.

CONCESSION TO PAKISTAN

"(3) Whether one links it or not, this result must be regarded as a victory for the policy pursued by Mr. Jinnah and is bound to encourage the Muslim League to stand out of the Constituent Assembly, in view especially of the announcement that if the future Constitution is not formulated by a fully representative Assembly before June 1948, the power of the Central Government will be transferred to some Agency whose exact constitution and powers are not clearly envisaged, but which may be consistent with the essentials of Pakistan. That the British Government have, at least partially, retraced their steps in respect of Pakistan is manifest from the decision that the powers of the Central Government may be handed over in some areas to the existing Provincial Governments or in some other manner.

"It cannot but be admitted that this is a most critical juncture in recent Indian history. It is essential that all parties should sink their differences and prepare to assume the plenary power that is promised to India next year.

POSITION OF STATES

"The position of the Indian States has been placed beyond controversy. British paramountcy will last until the final transfer of power and will then automatically come to an end, but the intervening period will not be static as even in the interim, the relations of the States with the Crown will be adjusted by agreement and after final transfer of power the States will become independent political entities subject to the agreements arrived at by negotiations with the new Government of the future which will finalise their position in the new Indian set-up. The Indian States, in these circumstances, can play a great and formative part in the work of reconciliation and building up of the India of the future if they work in union and in a spirit of detachment from current controversies. It is to be hoped that the British Indian parties, by pursuing the path of conciliation 'inter se' and with the States will help to bring about that voluntary Union which alone can make for stability of administration and rapid economic progress which must characterise the self-governing India of the future."

NEED FOR CLARIFICATION

LUCKNOW, Feb. 21 (API): 'Wait and see", said Pandit Govind Ballab Pant, the U. P. Premier, interviewed by the 'Associated Press of India' on the latest statement of His Majesty's Government.

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Member, Congress Working Committee, said: 'The statement is another indication of the British Government's desire to transfer power to Indians.'

Chaudhury Khaliqzaman, Member of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee, said: "I refuse to say anything in regard to the statement of H.M.G. so long as the Muslim League has not considered its full report."

NO SURPRISE

Sir Maharaj Singh, Member of the Indian Delegation to the U.N.O., said: 'The decision of the British Government to quit India by June 1948 has come as no surprise. For the past twelve months at least it has been reasonably clear that this was their intention. Among other things, the indianisation of the Imperial Services and the cessation of recruitment from the United Kingdom were obvious pointers. Doubtless too, they wish to be rid of the responsibility of giving their views on Congress-League disputes. Personally I am glad of the decision though, the future is not very bright so long as the communal problem is not solved. It is all the more essential, therefore, that fresh attempts be made to induce the Muslim League to enter the Constituent Assembly.

Two points will be requiring further clarification. The first is to whom will power be ultimately transferred. The second is the future relations between the Indian States, the rest of India."

Dodecanese To Be Greek Territory

ATHENS, Feb. 21, (Reuter): Greek Government sources stated today that by agreement with the Allies, the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean Sea will become Greek territory before the end of March. This exchange will take place even if the Allied Treaty with Italy has not been ratified, the same sources added.

The Dodecanese Islands were Italian territory between the two world wars. They include Kos and Leros.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

Mr. D. G. Tendulkar's letter to the editor of the 'Chronicle' regarding this column naturally deserves (because of the writer) a little more attention than other letters which have appeared in this paper on 'Off My Chest.'

Mr. Tendulkar says that during his sojourn of seven years in England, France, Germany and Russia, it was a common sight to see mothers feeding their babies not only in waiting rooms and trains, but also in parks.

I have stayed nine years abroad and never saw this "common sight" in England, France or Germany. Maybe it was more peculiar to Russia a country I have not yet visited.

The question of whether a mother feeding her child is, or is not a "disgusting sight", naturally depends (a) on the mother and (b) on the time and place at which the sight is seen. In any case it is one's own privilege to say what sight disgusts one and what sight does not.

Mr. Tendulkar talks of nude art and motifs. There was no art in what I saw at the pavilion of the Tata Air Lines. It was not even beautiful. It was not as if it was a peasant woman feeding a child in the fields, or a mother feeding a child out of necessity in an air-raid shelter or the compartment of a railway train. There was ample space at the pavilion for the woman to retire out of public view and in any case while the shape and form of a woman may be a lovely sight, there is no need for an Indian woman to make an exhibition of herself at a public aerodrome when there are enough cloakrooms provided by the Air Lines company in which you can retire.

All this is nonsense about the common man and woman. Common men and women still have to comply with the ordinary proprieties of life. I fail to see how the question of a social set arises out of the column which I wrote. The plain fact remains that while it is quite in order for a girl or a woman to appear in scanty clothing in a swimming pool or on a beach, the rules of normal conduct require her to be more adequately dressed when appearing in the street. Surely Mr. Tendulkar is not so "childish" as to dispute that. My point is not that a woman feeding her child is a disgusting sight but that woman feeding her child at an aerodrome pavilion at 10-30 in the morning within sight of 300 mtrs. is most certainly disgusting.

I have pondered over my own sense of social values, as required by Mr. Tendulkar. Mr. Tendulkar might likewise do me the favour of pondering over his sense of proportion.

Cochin Follows Baroda

ERNAKULAM, Feb. 21, (A.P.I.): His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin has authorised Mr. P. Govinda Menon, Minister for Food and education, to conduct negotiations with the Negotiating Committee of the Constituent Assembly on behalf of the Government of Cochin.

Mr. Govinda Menon, accompanied by the Constitutional Adviser Mr. M. Sivarama Menon will proceed to Delhi shortly to initiate the negotiations.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (A.P.I.): Following the recommendation of the International Wheat Council, the British Government, are convening in Lodon on March 18 an International Wheat Conference of nations having a substantial interest in international trade in wheat. India has been invited to participate in the conference.

The conference has been called to negotiate an international wheat agreement on the basis of a draft prepared by the International Wheat Council.

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Shantaram's Mighty Achievement

OPENS SHOW-WINDOW ABROAD FOR INDIAN FILMS

(Interview With 'Sardi'—Exclusive To 'Bombay Chronicle')

When the "Strathnaver" docked at the Pier last Monday, off the gang-plank stepped a handsome pair who were immediately surrounded by pressmen, photographers and admirers, bent on paying their homage of smiles and garlands to a son and daughter of this land who have won for their 'janma bhoomi' rare glory abroad. Thus, amidst well-deserved hero-worship, SHANTARAM AND JAYSHREE returned from their trip to the U.S.A. and the U.K. where fabulous acclaim had been their meed.

Determined to get the low-down on this foreign excursion, I bearded Shantaram in his Rajkamal den. But here was a Lion shorn of all arrogance and crowned merely with nobility and a youthful exuberance. His pleasant smile and entirely unassuming manner seem to me to be the cream of his rare charm.

Jayashree and Shantaram in character—in "Dr. Kotnis" the final film script of which was written by the famous author Dewan Sherar.

His Fidelity

As soon as I entered Shantaram's tastefully designed office, my eyes fell on a large oil-painting opposite his desk. Thus from the wall, BABURAO PAINTER looked down upon us. In the day of his success, at the pinnacle of his glory, Shantaram has not forgotten the old pioneer with whom he once worked as an apprentice at Kolhapur. Perhaps it is this very fidelity, this humility of the 'chela' before the greatness of his 'guru', that has placed Shantaram today on top of the film world.

"What were your impressions of America," I asked.

"Two things struck me most of all", he replied; "first, the democratic attitude of the majority of Americans which makes even the humblest of them hold high his head, as all men should; and next, the sound common sense of the American businessmen, as evidenced by the fact that their leading papers such as the "New York Times", the "N. Y. Sun", "P. M." and the "Post", devote long columns to the film industry, recognising its importance in the economy of the country. On Sundays, some of them devote a number of pages to Films!"

PLACE IN THE SUN

"Have our pictures prospects in the American market?" I queried.

"To a limited extent", was his answer, "Distributors there, are more interested in the artistry and the spirit of a film rather than its technique. I am going to do my best to put our films on the foreign map, as I have already done with my three pictures DR. KOTNIS, SHAKUNTALA and PARBAT PE APNA DERA. Strangely, enough, I had only meant to sell the first, but when Arthur Mayer and Joseph Burnstyn Inc. of New York saw the other two, they pounced on them and bought the distribution rights of all the three in keeping with their policy of showing selected foreign pictures."

With the intention of winning for Indian films a place in the world market, Shantaram is on the eve of floating a Company with a ready capital of one and a half crore, to look after the distribution and exhibition of films both at home and abroad. The New York office of this company has already been established, bearing the name of 'Shantaram International, Ltd.'

It is not strange that it was left to this pioneer among Indian producers to be the first to explore the foreign market successfully. Nor is it his intention merely to display his own pictures; he is also most eager to present productions from rival companies. The good of the industry as a whole means more to him than personal gain. Hence Shantaram International, Ltd. will be a show window abroad not only of Rajkamal productions but others as well.

DEVOTED PARENTS

"Besides the sale of pictures(did you do much else?" I ventured to ask.

"Yes", he replied waggishly, "Jayashree and I were literally forced to yield to the demands of Pressmen for interviews; they simply invaded our suite at Hampshire House!"

Here is an extract from the "New York Sun"—typical American journalese from the pen of Eileen Creelman: "Jayashree, small and dainty as the princess in an Oriental fairy tale, with great dark eyes smiling demurely, wore a golden sari to lunch.... Shantaram is one of the outstanding movie producers in the biggest picture-producing country except the United States....."

Such encomiums may be enough to turn sane heads. But not the Shantarams'. Nothing, not even a tempting Broadway stage offer from Eddie Dowling, could persuade the pair to be away for long from their two little children, a girl and a boy. However, they may revisit the U.S.A. in the Fall (August) when "Dr. Kotnis" will be generally released in America. Then, as during the recent trip, Shantaram hopes to purchase the latest camera, recording and laboratory equipment.

SENSE OF HUMOUR

I asked him if he enjoyed New York's night life.

"It was certainly jolly," he admitted, "but I discovered from many of theirr variety shows that cheapness of taste is no more unknown there than here. So we should not sneer unduly at ourselves!"

An animated spirit and a keen sense of humour enliven Shantaram's conversation. Perhaps it is these qualities that have taken him from poverty to riches, from obscruity to dizzy fame. But the soul of Shantaram remains the same—the undaunted spirit of a man who walks breast forward, leaving "footprints on the sands of time."

(Next week: A few more sidelights on Rajkamal and its boss).

NOTE

On behalf of Evergreen Pictures and Prakash Pictures and in reference to a portion of the article published in these columns, last Saturday, under the heading "Distribution of Pictures", it has been explained to this office that "the statement..... that Messrs. Evergreen Pictures purchased Pancholi's picture 'Shirin-Farhad' is not true; nor is it true that Messrs. Evergreen Pictures, for their own mistake or even otherwise, have acted capriciously and unjustly towards Messrs. Prakash Pictures.... Prakash Pictures are not financially crippled or unable to produce pictures of the standard for which they have acquired wide fame...."

Any criticism in these columns is meant to be constructive, never destructive or malicious. Explanations are always welcome in order to clear up misunderstandings.

It is heartening news that Prakash Pictures "are not financially crippled." It is to be hoped that this Company, which has received its due meed of praise in these columns for its pictures such as "Bharat Milap" and "Ram Rajya", will once again give us films of the calibre of those two hits.
—Sardi, Film Editor.

HAMARA SCREEN

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A MUKTI PRODUCTION

GAURAV, the maiden effort of Mukti Pictures, was ushered in at the above picture house last Wednesday.

An emotional drama in modern settings, the film has Zeenat and Ghanshyam in the lead, with Shobha Devi and Pande playing featured roles.

Veera in Filmistan's "Eight Days"

The songs are by Deepak and the musical score by Shanti Kumar.

New West End

PREMIERE OF "AMAR RAJ"

This afternoon will see the release of Wadia Movietone's LANKA NI LADI based on a Gujerati legend.

A costume fantasy, the picture has the late Naseem Jr. and Trilok Kapoor sharing stellar honours, Rehana, Nirupa Roy and H. Prakash bring up the supporting cast.

The film promises a colourful setting and contains the music of Firoze Nizami. Homi Wadia wielded the megaphone for this picture, the story of which is from the pen of Mohanlal Dave.

Roxy

FILMISTAN FARE

The long-promised EIGHT DAYS from the Filmistan Studio, will at last be flashed on the screen for the first time this afternoon.

The title seems to indicate that the entire action of the picture takes place within the space of a week. Advance reports give no idea whatever of the actual theme.

Veera, one of Filmistan's newest discoveries, with "Mazdoor" and "Shikari" to her credit, plays the female lead opposite Ashok Kumar. Leela Misra enacts the role of the girl's mother.

Gopal Nepali's lyrics, set to music by Kumar Sachin Deo Barman, are a feature of this production based on a story by S. H. Manto. The direction is by Dattaram Pai.

Krishna

MAD OR FOOLISH?

Not having had time yet to see Minerva Movietone's DIVANI, I am unable to explain whether the film refers to a deranged woman or just a foolish one.

The title role, presumably, is played by Mumtaz Shanti with Wasti in the male lead, and Y. D. Sarpotdar at the megaphone.

Royal Opera House

LESSON FROM THE PAST

Laxmi Productions' VEERANGANA is a historical picture with, of course, the usual trimmings of piction. Set in the times of Akbar, this story by Mohanlal Dave tells of Rajput chivalry with freedom as its theme a parallel being drawn with the contemporary independence movement.

Imperial

SCREEN PARABLE

Raj Laxmi's POOL is reminiscent of "Hum Ek Hain" in as much as it preaches the gospel of unity through a rural allegory.

An outsider disturbs the peace of a village by turning neighbour against neighbour, till realising the folly of dissension, the villagers rally together against their common foe.

Rehana and Beman Bannerji head a cast composed of Vikram Kapoor, Balraj Mehta and E. Billimoria.

Majestic

PANCHOLI'S LATEST

An average production, Pancholi's SEHER SE DUR is devoid of the trappings of previous pictures from that studio.

Al Nasir, Meena and the 'weighty' comedian Durga Mota play the main roles under the baton of Barkhat Mehra.

PHOTOPLAYS

Mumtaz Shanti in Minerva's "Divani".

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PETER SMITH TAKES EIGHT WICKETS FOR 119

New South Wales Make 336 For Nine Against M.C.C. At Close Of Play

SYDNEY, Feb. 21, (Reuter): For the first time in this tour Peter Smith reproduced his England county form here today when taking eight New South Wales wickets for 119 in 24 overs and at the close of play the home side have scored 336 runs for the loss of nine wickets, writes Norman Preston, Reuters' correspondent with the M.C.C.

Smith virtually played himself into the final Test. In early matches Smith was troubled with a sore in the third finger of his right hand with which he relies to spin the ball and later he underwent an internal operation. Only now is he thoroughly fit. Today he tempted batsmen to make strokes and beat them with flight and spin. Morris, Carmody, Barnes, Lindwall and Lukeman were all thoroughly set and were dealing out punishment when Smith interrupted their enjoyment.

SPLENDID FIELDING

In this really entertaining day of cricket, England fielded splendidly. Pollard missed Barnes at 17 off Voce but it was a difficult slip catch and Pollard more than made amends when he held a violent pull by Lindwall at midwicket.

Pollard jumped in the air hoping for the best and he was just as surprised as everyone else when he discovered that the ball had stuck in his right hand. Smith himself held a very hot return from Pettiford. Voce accepted two catches, the second at slip from Kissell was masterly.

There was refreshing attractiveness about New South Wales batting. The early men, Morris, Carmody and Barnes all hit freely but most impressive was the innings of 70 by Eric Lukeman, a 23-year-old right-handed bat. Sound in method and very stylish, he excelled with square cuts and well placed drives.

YARDLEY TO LEAD M.C.C.

A ft the Melbourne Test [illegible] hit cleanly with tremendous power. He pierced the field readily with seven boundaries. Yardley proved an alert captain who set the field cleverly and apart from the fact that he was too modest to bowl himself, he managed his attack well. Should Hammond remain unfit, England will be ably led by Yardley in the final test and if only Smith can give another reproduction of his bowling today, England might give Australian a keen battle.

Today's attendance was 5,592 and the receipts £.A.521.

NEW SOUTH WALES

(FIRST INNINGS).

Morris, st. Evans, b Smith	44
Carmody, l-b-w Smith	65
Barnes, c Voce, b Smith	44
Kissel, c Voce, b Pollard	22
Lindwall, c Pollard, b Smith	45
Lukeman, b Smith	70
Lush, c Hardstaff, b Smith	2
Pettiford, c and b Smith	6
Saggers, b Smith	21
Johnston, (batting)	8
Toshack, (batting)	2
Extras (byes 2; legbyes 5)	7
Total (for nine wickets)	336

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 78; 2 for 145; 3 for 168; 4 for 218; 5 for 288; 6 for 295; 7 for 303; 8 for 311; 9 for 334.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Voce	13	2	55	0
Pollard	20	4	70	1
Edrich	12	1	59	0
Smith	24	0	119	8
Hutton	3	0	16	0

SID BARNES NOT IN FIFTH TEST.

Sid Barnes, Australia and New South Wales cricketer, may not play in the Fifth Test match beginning here on February 28. He is booked to sail that day from Sydney in a Norwegian ship bound for England.

Libel Suit Settled

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla).

Trimbak Govind Deo .....Plaintiff.
vs.
Sadashiv Laxman Deo ....Defendant.

This suit claiming Rs. 50,000 by way of damages for libel was compromised on the defendant tendering an unconditional apology for the publication complained of and agreeing to pay Rs. 100 towards the costs of the plaintiff.

The plaintiff alleged that the defendant had written a small booklet in Marathi called "A Short Account of the Family of Deo" and had it printed and published in Bombay. In this word there were remarks to the effect that the plaintiff's parents and family were such that nobody should have social communion with them, and the plaintiff himself had been described as a lunatic and a water. The plaintiff stated that these remarks were false and grossly defamatory and had greatly injured his reputation. The defendant denied that he had written the booklet or that the words complained of were defamatory. The plaintiff led evidence of the printer and publisher of the booklet to show that the defendant had got it published. At that stage a compromise was arrived at in the terms set out above.

Mr. S. A. Desai and Mr. P. M. Purandare instructed by Messrs. Joshi & Co. appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. P. P. Khambatta and Mr. J. H. Vakil instructed by Messrs. Ghandhy & Co. appeared for the defendant.

Shantilal Kothari Not Arrested

BOMBAY, Friday (AP.I.): A press note issued by the Director of Publicity, Bombay states: "A report has appeared in a section of the Press that Mr. Shantilal Kothari, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Students' Congress, has been arrested by the Police. There is no basis whatsoever for this report."

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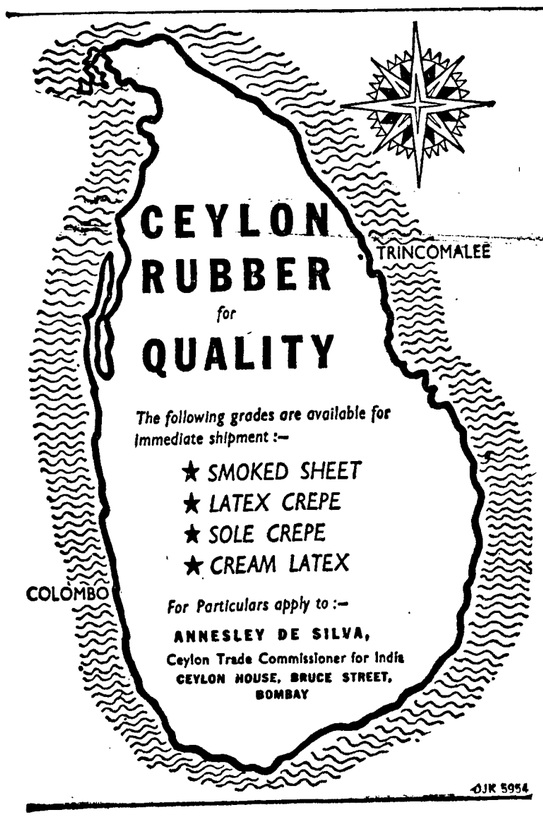

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MODI AND HAZARE IN BIG STAND

West Zone Well Placed On First Day In Final

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The first day of the match between the West and the North Zone in the final of this year's Zonal Tournament was a great day for Fazal Mahamood in all ways except of course that of taking wickets. The analysis that he retained at the end of the day's play hardly do him justice. He has but a solitary wicket credited to his account at the cost of 83 runs in 25 overs seven of which were maidens. But that is not the whole story. It is not even a part of the entire story. All the principal run getters of the West Zone were fortunate to survive each on two distinct occasions off the bowling of Fazal Mahamood. Modi, Hazare, Adhikari, all the three batsmen who together were responsible for almost the entire total of their side edged Fazal at various positions varying from the wicket-keeper to gully.

This northern bowler made the ball turn just a little either way, but quite sufficient to cause the batsmen many an anxious moment. In fact, Hazare preferred to leave his balls on the fourth stumps well alone lest he might edge it and offer a catch behind his wickets. On three of the few occasions that Fazal succeeded in inducing Hazare to play at the ball, the Test cricketer offered chances. Mohammad Saeed missed him at first slip when the batsman was 86. Again when he was 108 he was dropped in the same position by Khan Mohammad. These chances were in addition to the one that Irani put on the ground when the batsman was in his 50s. The wicket-keeper also gave Modi a life off Fazal when the Test cricketer had scored barely a score of runs. He received yet one more life off the same bowler a little later.

Taking into consideration the number of chances and possible chances that were missed during the day, it can hardly be termed a great day for the batsmen, although two of them were engaged in a partnership which realised 268 runs—for the third wicket. Both Hazare and Modi received many 'lives' apart from those off Fazal Mahamood's bowling. The very second ball that Hazare played was edged towards where first slip might have been, but what might have been a chance went a-begging for want of a fielder in that position. Again a little later he played Khan Mohammad high towards gully but the stroke just failed to be a chance. Modi also offered his now proverbial catch at first slip early in the innings this time off Khan Mohammad but Fazal failed to hold on to it.

Adhikari also had his share of luck in his comparatively brief innings. Twice, while his score moved from thirty to forty, he edged Fazal but was dropped first by Imtiaz, who had taken over from Irani, as the latter had sustained an injury, and later by Amarnath at gully.

As for the batsmanship, it is true that despite the number of chances offered and missed, the stroke production when neatly executed was pleasing and always good. The thirty-ninth run of Modi in particular was noteworthy in that for the first time since his return from England, he forced a ball from his middle stump between mid-on and square leg.—a stroke that made most of his big totals possible in India. He repeated that stroke on some two or three ocasions later in the innings as well.

Hazare played well in so far as it is possible to play well in an innings punctuated with so many dropped catches. He hooked forcefully and executed most of the strokes in the game and, all told was a trifle unfortunate to miss his double century, particularly as he was dismissed by the least impressive of all the bowlers tried during the day.

Amarnath kept a good length most of the time and when he had taken his first wicket, he had bowled 18 balls without conceding a single run. But with the advent of Hazare his analysis suffered, particularly as some sixteen runs were scored during the two succeeding overs.

DETAILS OF THE GAME

Ibrahim and Vinoo Mankad opened to the bowling of Amarnath and Khan Mohammad. With the score at 8 Vinoo tried to drive a fast rising good-length ball and gave an easy catch to the bowler. Two runs later Ibrahim touched one outside his leg stump and was caught by Imtiaz at the second attempt. Then ensued the long partnership of 268 runs between Hazare and Modi which was brought to a close soon after the latter had reached his century. In trying to hit out Modi offered an easy catch at mid-off. Rangnekar who came next left 11 runs later as the result of a bad call from Hazare. He could however, have survived if he had grounded his bat before the ball hit the stumps directly from mid-on.

Hazare and Adhikari added 83 runs for the next wicket before the former missed a straight ball. Seven runs later Adhikari hooked Amarnath to long leg and was held by Balbir Chand. Phadkar joined Gul Mohammad and the pair played out time.

WEST ZONE (First Innings)

Ibrahim c Imtiaz b Amarnath ..	2
Vinoo Mankad c and b Khan Mohammad	1
Modi c Maqsood b Fazal Mahamood	124
Hazare l.b.w. Zulfiqar Ahmed ..	185
Rarfgnekar run out	6
Adhikari c Balbir Chand b Amarnath	40
Gul Mohammad batting	12
Phadkar batting	4
(Amir Elahi, Maka, Tarapore to bat)	
Extras	21
Total (for 6 wickets)	395

Fall of wickets:—1/8, 2/10, 3/278, 4/289, 5/372, 6/385.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Amarnath	20	2	94	2
Khan Mohammad	14	0	99	1
Fazal Mohammad	25	7	33	1
Zulfiqar Ahmed	13	1	62	1
Maqsood Ahmed	6	0	26	0
Balbir Chand Khanna	5	0	10	0

Umpires Messrs. J. R. Patel and D. K. Naik.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

National Hockey Tournament To Start Next Saturday

BY J. C. MAITRA

The National Hockey Tournament which will be played in Bombay from the beginning of next month has attracted as many as 16 teams. In fact almost all the provincial and state associations in the country have joined the lists. Needless to mention, every competing side will be as representative of the cream of the province or state as possible. And it will try its utmost to carry the honours home. So we are promised of a feast of hockey rarely seen in Bombay.

BOMBAY'S BRIGHT CHANCES

The selectors of the B.P.H.A. have been at pains to put forth the best possible combination to represent our province. They have selected the following fifteen players, after proper trials from wrich the team will be chosen to meet C.P. and Berar in the first round of the competition.

Goalkeeper: Leo Pinto, Full-backs: J. Phillips (Captain), Walter D'Souza, and Owen Ferreira; Half-backs: Perumal, Diogo D'Souza, Maxie Vaz and George Pereira; Forwards: Kishenlal, Pillay, Rodrigues, Munir, Lawrie Fernandez and G. Nimal.

LOCAL SIDE'S ADVANTAGE

As usual the selectors are being accused for their sins of omission and commission. It is but natural that everybody should like to see his own favourite in the team. How far the selectors have succeeded in building up an all-round combination will be seen when they appear in the fighting lines. In one respect Bombay is in a more favourable position than the others—in that they will be able to improve their weak points by changing their players after every match. if necessary, which the visiting sides will find very difficut to do. So the chances our regaining the Maori Trophy is fairly bright.

INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Prior to the Inter-Provincial Tournament the Invitation Tournament for the M. K. Rao Trophy will be staged at the Association ground. Ten teams have been invited by the B.P.H.A. to take part in the competition. Among them are All Blues from Bangalore, Brothers Club from Lahore, Bhopal, Maharashtra, Delhi, Anglo-Indians from Kharagpur and Kalyanmal Mills from Indore. The Lusitanians are of course there with a combined Railway side and the Rest to represent the city. This competition is bound to produce some classy and interesting hockey too.

BIGGEST SURPRISE

Meanwhile the Provincial Championship is drawing to a close. The biggest surprise of the season has been provided by the St. Xaxiers College who have not only lowered the colours of the holders—the Lusies—but have also spoilt the unbeaten record of the League Champions. The college has now entered the final round where they will meet the winners of the Kirkeean—Dockyard match.

Lahore Hockey Team For Bombay

LAHORE, Feb. 21, (A. P. I.): The Brothers Club, Lahore, have been invited by the Bombay Provincial Hockey Association through the Punjab Hockey Association to play in the invitation tournament which is going to be staged at Bombay in order to raise funds for sending the Indian Hockey team to participate in the Olympic games in London in 1948.

The Brothers Club will leave Lahore on the 22nd Feb. to play their first fixture at Bombay on the 25th.

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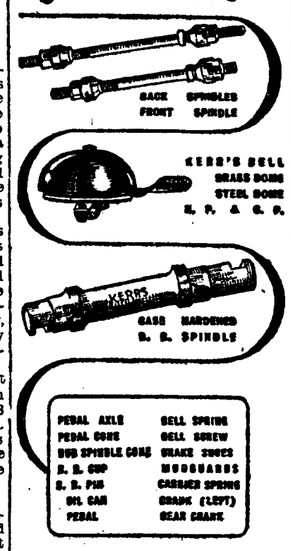

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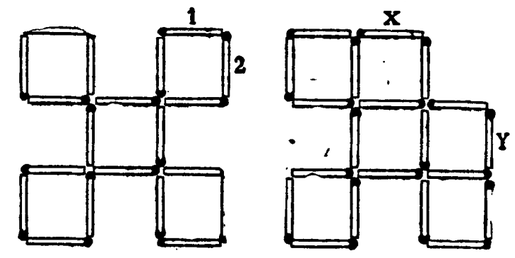

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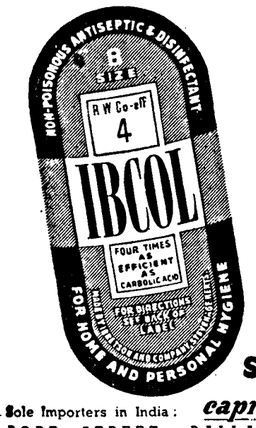

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Minister Allays Misgivings About Rent Increase

10 P. C. ADDITION ALLOWED ONLY IF OWNERS INCUR EXPENSES ON REPAIRS

The misapprehension in the public mind that the Government of Bombay proposed to allow a general increase in rents by 10 per cent, thereby imposing yet another permanent burden on tenants was cleared at a Press Conference held at the Secretariat, this morning, by Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies.

CONDITIONAL INCREASE

Defining the salient aspects of the Government's new Rent Control Bill, Mr. Desai gave a categorical assurance that landlords would be permitted to make an increase of 10 per cent on the standard rent only where the owner had actually incurred expenses on repairs. The additional amount will be allowed to be recovered along with the monthly rent only in the succeeding year. The Government was fully aware of the necessity to take all possible measures to reduce the existing high cost of living.

After very careful consideration it had, however, come to the conclusion that some increase was unavoidable to remedy the deplorable condition of disrepair in which a substantial proportion of buildings had been allowed to fall.

There had been an enormous increase in the ordinary cost of maintenance and repairs. Under the Municipal Law, an allowance of 10 per cent was made for maintenance and repairs when fixing the rateable value of properties

HOUSES IN DISREPAIR

Maintenance and repairs had been sadly neglected, because this allowance of 10 per cent did not cover the cost.

Many owners of property had no other source of income but the rents.

When rent control was introduced in the Province in 1918, an increase of 10 per cent was allowed over rents prevailing in 1916, and when control was continued in 1923, a further increase of 5 per cent to 23 1/3 per cent on a graduated scale was allowed. In the Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara, Rent Control Bill recently published by the Central Government an increase of 33 1/3 per cent over the rent in November 1946 had been allowed

The Bombay Government, therefore, considered an increase of rent not exceeding 10 per cent as essential for the proper maintenance and repair of properties both in the interest of tenants and of landlords.

Mr. Desai said that the Government hoped that public authorities and large industrial concerns would provide housing for the working classes.

Private capital would still continue to be employed and required for the provision of housing and it was necessary to ensure a fair return to house-owners, observed Mr. Desai in the course of his statement, not only in respect of existing premises but also in respect of new buildings which they may put up.

Unless new building activities on an extensive and expeditious scale were encouraged, the tenant class in need of accommodation would be most seriously affected, since this class required increased accommodation at fair rents.

In framing the new Bombay Rent Control Bill, the Government had taken these factors into consideration and trusted that the measure would meet with public support.

The increase would apply to all rents and there would be no invidious classification.

MALPRACTICES TO BE PUT DOWN

Government proposed to take drastic steps to put down malpractices both among landlords and tenants.

Indicating details of the proposed legislation the Minister outlined the following:—

Under the existing law the grounds on which a landlord may secure recovery of premises let to a tenant are not stated with sufficient precision. The Bill specifies the conditions entitling the landlord to recovery of premises misused by a tenant or sublet without permission or genuinely required by the landlord for specified purposes, and protects the tenant against eviction for other reasons. The provisions are based mainly on the recommendations made by the Rent Enquiry Committee in 1939.

"In the Act of 1944, subletting of premises by tenants was permitted so that tenants would share surplus accommodation with persons unable to find independent accommodation. The provision is capable of grave abuse. It is now proposed to prohibit subletting without the consent of the landlord and to make subletting, or the recovery of excess rent for sublet portions of premises, sufficient around for eviction.

"A landlord who recovers premises on the ground that he requires them for his own occupation or for the erection or reconstruction of a building, but fails to use them for the particular purpose within the stipulated period is liable to restore the premises to the evicted tenant and to pay him compensation. This provision has not been found to be of practical use as, in most cases, the original tenant will have left the place or found other accommodation. Government has therefore, provided for the imposition of a penalty of imprisonment for six months or fine or both for such default on the part of a landlord.

Concluding he said:— "Premia or fines are asked for and received in the form of payments ostensibly for the purchase or hire of furniture. The Bill provides that a landlord asking for the purchase or hire of any furniture or other article as a condition of the grant of a tenancy or sub-tenancy should be liable to the same penalty as that leviable for taking a premium.

STANDARD RENT

Under the Act of 1944, Rent Controllers are empowered to fix the standard rent when they consider the rent charged for premises let for the first time after 1st September 1940 to be excessive. This provision is being retained and rules will be framed to enable rents to be fixed on a uniform basis which will be fair to the landlord and tenant alike".

"DISRESPECT TO CHINA"

Protest Against Invitation To Tibet For Asian Conference

NANKING, Feb. 20 (APA): Informed sources in the Chinese capital said to-day that China had protested "informally" to the Indian Embassy over the invitation from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Tibet to send delegates to the Pan-Asiatic Conference at Delhi on March 13.

The sources said the Chinese Government felt that since Tibet is part of China's sovereign territory the Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government showed disrespect for the integrity of Chinese territory.

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India with some jealousy and wished the same deal had been made for Ireland in 1921 when the country was partitioned into a Free State and Northern Ireland.

A civil war arose from the Irish partition and many hoped Jinnah would reconsider the Pakistan scheme and thus prevent a civil war in India.

The loyalist "Irish Times" welcomed Attlee's statement saying Britain had no choice and could not have held India by force even desired.

Prime Minister Eamon de Valera declined to make any statement.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENTS

The Liberal papers are more moderate in opinion. The "Manchester Guardian" writes: 'This decision to wait no longer for agreement between the Congress and the Muslim League cannot have been taken lightly. It will cause profound regret and anxiety to many friends of India. But there will also be firm support for the statement that the present state of uncertainty is fraught with danger and cannot be indefinitely prolonged".

"NEWS CHRONICLE'S" TIP TO LEADERS

The "News Chronicle" says: "In many respects the situation is similar to that of a year ago but with the vital difference that today the onus of peaceful settlement is placed much more firmly upon the shoulders of the Indian leaders."

It adds "The Indian leaders can make the Cabinet plan work if they want to but, failing this, it is now up to them to produce some constitutional alternative.

'Attlee's Statement Meets Congress Demand'

League quarters close to Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President, All-India Muslim League, on the British Government's declaration are that His Majesty's Government have accepted the Muslim League Working Committee's resolution demanding the scrapping of the Cabinet Mission's proposals, dissolution of the Constituent Assembly and an agreed constitution framed by a fully representative Constituent Assembly.

The British Government's readiness to confer sovereign status on the existing Provinces who are no party in framing the constitution, according to these sources, scraps the Cabinet Mission's proposals and the statement reverts to the Cripps' proposals of 1942.

JAYAKAR ON LABOUR GOVT'S SINCERITY

POONA, Feb. 21 (API): The Rt. Hon. Dr. M. R. Jayakar in an interview to-day described His Majesty's Government's statement on India yesterday as "not altogether unexpected."

"The step was made necessary by the intransigence of Indian leaders and their repeated failures to come to an agreement. It was the only course left open to the Labour Government, in its honest desire to transfer power to India, and to repel the oft-repeated accusation that the British people, under promises of transferring power were astutely hanging on to it as long as they could.

Dr. Jayakar added: "That part of H.M.G.'s statement which says that in the event of an agreed constitution not emerging by June 1948, H.M.G. will have to decide to whom powers of the Central Government should be handed over on the due date, whether, as a whole, to some form of Central Government, or, in some areas, to the existing Provincial Governments, will raise equal hopes and apprehension in the rival quarters in India, and it is more than doubtful whether this statement, which some may even regard as a threat to leave Indians to

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their fate in the absence of a speedy agreement, will act as a deterrent or incentive to an agreed solution. In any event, the Labour Government have proved the sincerity of their professions, as many of their friends felt sure, and the ultimate fate of India now rests, for good or evil, in Indian hands."

BHOPATKAR DISAPPOINTED

Mr. Bhopatkar, expressing his disappointment, remarked, that no mention whatsoever had been made in the statement about the continued deadlock in the Interim Government.

FIRST REACTION FAVOURABLE SAYS MRS. PANDIT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 21 (API): Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit said that she was not yet prepared to make any statement but her first reaction to Mr. Attlee's statement was "favourable."

HUSSEINBHOY LALJEE WELCOMES STATEMENT

BOMBAY, Feb. 21 (API): Mr. Husseinbhoy A. Laljee, President of the All-Parties Shia Conference, welcomed the British Premier's announcement and urged the Punjab, Sind and Bengal to join the Constituent Assembly, and "with the help of all who are there get a fair deal rather than run the risk of being left unsettled and incomparatively very small areas of the vast sub-continent of India, and that too far away from one another."

Mr. Laljee asked the Muslims in minority provinces, the Scheduled Classes and other minorities to co-operate with the Constituent Assembly, and "thereby obtain fair treatment and goodwill."

WOODROW WYATT WELCOMES IT

LONDON, Feb. 21 (IPA): Interviewed by the I.P.A., Major Woodrow Wyatt, M.P., stated that the Cabinet had done the right thing in giving a definite date for handing over power into responsible Indian hands. Asked whether Paragraph 10 of Mr. Attlee's statement does not appear to constitute a veiled threat to the sovereignty of the present Constituent Assembly reinforced by the adhesion of the Princes he denied this implication. He said however that they did not appear to have been able to secure the adhesion of the Muslim League but it was a matter entirely for the Indians to work out their own constitution and be in a position to take over power held out to them by Britain.

Asked to comment on the appointment of Lord Mountbatten as the Viceroy to replace Lord Wavell he said it was a good choice.

WASHINGTON REACTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UPA):—Official and diplomatic quarters hailed Premier Attlee's announcement as confirming the belief generally held here that the United Kingdom recently has been acting in the utmost sincerity in its efforts to transfer power to Indian hands.

Cellar Calls Attlee Declaration "Evasive"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. (Reuter): Prime Minister Attlee's Commons' statement fixing the deadline for Indian independence produced mixed reaction in United States Congressional quarters.

The comment of Democratic Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York, one of the most articulate spokesman for the American friends of Indian independence, on the other hand, criticised Mr. Attlee's "pontifical" declarations.

Asserting that the good faith of the British Government could not be taken for granted in view of past performances, Congressman Celler called the statement "evasive" especially in defining the "responsible Indian hands" into which it was proposed to deliver India.

He was particularly critical of Mr. Attlee's failure to give assurances that the Muslims would not be supported in their "intransigence" against the Hindu majority and that the paramountcy of the Indian Princes would be dissipated in order to assure a United Indian state.

IRISH HOPE NO CIVIL WAR TAKES PLACE IN INDIA

DUBLIN, Feb. 21, (UPA): Irishmen today viewed Attlee's offer to

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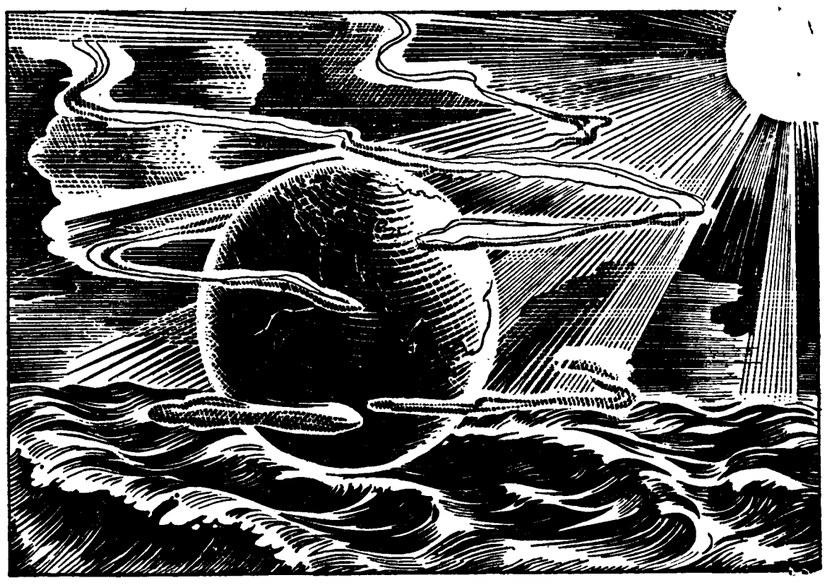

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Tata Steel Dfd shares opened today at Rs. 2565 and declined at Rs. 2540 or moderate liquidation but recovered at Rs. 2560 on renewed short covering. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 462 and lost 2 points at Rs. 460. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 2620 and declined at Rs. 2590 on moderate selling but recovered at the opening level of Rs. 2620. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 843 and improved at Rs. 848 while Swadeshi shares were done at Rs. 760, Central Bank shares changed hands at Rs. 133 and Imperial partly paid were done at Rs. 615. India Bank were placed at Rs. 247 while Associated Cements were done at Rs. 202.

Thereafter there was further small improvement and Dfds were placed at Rs. 2570 while Ordinary shares hardened at Rs. 464, Bombay Dyeings advanced at Rs. 2640 and Kohinoors were done at Rs. 843, Swadeshi shares improved at Rs. 766/4, Scindia shares were steady at Rs 36/2.

Towards the close there was scattered realising and Tata Steel Dfds. reacted at Rs. 2555 while Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 2630. It appears that active covering in Dyeing shares is imparting good undertone.

As a result of day's trading Tata S. Dfds. declined Rs. 7/8, Ordinary Rs. 1/8, Bombay Dyeing gained Rs. 12/8, Kohinoor lost one rupee, Swadesh gained Rs. 12/- Nagpur lost Rs. 3/- Simplex Rs. 2/- New Great gained Rs. 3/- and Gokaks Rs. 4/-.

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Bombay Dyeing 2630 Kohinoor 844 Swadeshi 770 Nagpur 367 Simplex 377 New Great 460 Gokak 354 Indore 671/4 Century 1050 Colaba 290 Indian Bleaching 175 Swan 428 Finlay 367 Morarji 806/4 Edward 705 Meyer 962/8 Apollo 4/15/6 I. U. Ordinary 18 2/8 I. U. Defd. 4/0/6 Madhusudan 610 Poddar 352/8 Khatav 395.

STEEL SHARES.

Tata Steel Ord. 461 Tata Steel Dfd. 2555 Second Pref. 165/8

CEMENT.

Associated Merger 203

INDUSTRIES.

Burma 557/8 Bellapur 290 Shivrajpur 45/8 Scindia 36/11 Premier construction 255 Tata Chemical 17/2 Tata Oil 97 Indian Iron 43/4 Bengal Steel 33/12.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 117 Tata Hydro 184/8 Andhra 1600 Tata Power 1725.

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 100/8 Phoenix 1352/8 India Manufacturing 4300 Kooria 330 Dawn 1600 David 180 New City 275 Minerva 300 Bradbury 665 Bharucha (Defd.) 8/6 Bharat 51/4 Mysore 330 Madhavji 20 Model 257/8 Laxmi 1870 Vishnu 700 Western 4300 Standard 612/6 Sholapur 7400 Sassoon Cotton 24/8 Hindustan 4300 Tata 110 Ahmedabad Advance 530 Sassoon Silk 101 New Union 26/14 Madhusudan B. 100 Shrinivas 440 Raja Bahadur 116 Berar 375 Victoria 425.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 162/8 (New) 122/8 Surat (Old) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 15/2 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES

Reserve 132/8 Imperial 2460 P. P. 622/8 Central 134 India 250/8 Union 13/14 Baroda 174/8 Habib 197/8 A. B. C. 56 Dena Bank 70/8 United Commercial 96 Jaipur 76 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Com. 56/8 National Savings (fully paid) 82 Mysore 505 Exchange (Ord.) 58 Eastern 112 Bombay Provincial 88.

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Oriental 7090 Empire 975 New India 96/8 Jupiter 38/8 Vulcan 16/14 Indian Mercantile 68 Universal Fire 20/8 Vasant 26/4 British India General 26/8 Industrial Prudential 61/12 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/8.

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Alcock 560 Steamer 610 Burma New 200 Burma Petrol 4/3 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 90 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377/4 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust 121/8 Wimco 650 Dharamsey Chemical 43/8 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8 Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 53/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 390 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 87.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 235 Tram 52/12 Andhra Valley 1370 Tata Power 1415 Hydro 144/8 Bombay Steamer 352/8 Nagpur 717/8 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 306/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130/10 Bradbury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 153/12 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 158/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/15 B. I. C. 10/9 Burma Corporation 4/15 New Victoria 7/8 New Victoria Preference 8/8 Raja 40 Phelton 140 Gold Mohar 405 New Kaiser Hind 470 Sajjan 375 Osmanshahi 385 Ajam Shahi 395 Air Services 16 Birla Motors 8/12 Marshall 9/8 Air India Premium 160.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

Tata Ordinary 461; Tata Deferred 2555; Indian Iron 43/4; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 33/12; Bombay Dyeing 2630; Central India 366/14; Gokak 353/12; Kohinoor 843/12; Simplex 377; Swadeshi 770; Tata Power 1725; Associated Cement 203; Belapur 290; Bombay Burma (Old) 557/8; Scindia 36/10; Central Bank 133/12; New India 96/4; Tata 2nd Pref. 165/10.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

MILLS

Apollo 4/15 4/14 4/15 4/14 4/15/6 Bharat 61/8 61 61/4 B. Dyeing 2620 2585 2630 10 20 5 45 32/8 35 27/8 30 Bradbury 665 C. India Ord. 371 66 67 66 68 67 C. India Pref. 717/8 E. Textiles 700 695 705 Elphinstone Ord 98 100/8 Finlay 370 74 61 70 66 72 67 Gokak 351 45 55 54 I. U. Defd 4 4/1 4 4/0/6 I. U. Ord. 18/1 17/12 18/2 17/9 18/3 18/2 18/2/6 Indore 665 45 50 45 60 55 67/8 68 71/4 Kohinoor 848 42 43 38 40 38 44 42 45 41 45 39 47 45 46 45 48 44 Laxmi Cotton 1870 Meyer 281/4 82/8 New Great 455 57 48 62 56 60 Podar 360 62/8 Simplex 380 70 61 77 77/8 74 81 77 Swadeshi 765 60 75 71 72 71 74 70 Tata Mills 117 20/8 20 21 16 Vishnu 700 C. P. Railways 107

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MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb 21.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th month

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th—12th month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/s. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

NEW YORK AND MONTREAL RATES.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4

New York Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

New York Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.

New York Banks buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329, Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.

New York Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4, Montreal Rs. 328 1/2 not under L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 3650.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fl. 79?

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 11/16 to 4.02 13/16.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32.

London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4.

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.84-86.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 4.03 1/4.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4.

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London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 40.

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Gold New York dol. 35.

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Silver New York 70 3/4.

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Tone: Steady.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

The local Bullion market was quietly steady with a restricted business. Silver was steady but gold was quiet.

It is reported that some exchange Banks sold about 40,000 tolas of Philippine gold as our price is about Rs. 28 higher per tola as compared with quotations in foreign countries.

Fagan delivery silver opened at Rs. 149 and declined at Rs. 148/4 on moderate selling but later recovered at Rs. 148/12. Ready silver was placed at Rs. 154/12. Fagan gold opened at Rs. 99/12 and declined at Rs. 98/8 but steadied at Rs. 98/12. Ready gold was quoted at Rs. 102/8.

Thereafter there was moderate support in silver which hardened Fagan delivery at Rs. 149 but gold declined at Rs. 97/8 on increased liquidation.

The market was steady at the decline and quotations were as under:

	Rs. as. p.
Ready Silver	154 4 0
Fagan Delivery	148 6 0
Ready Gold	101 8 0
Fagan Gold	97 2 0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

The local market opened quiet and reached a state of stagnation when March contract reached the floor level of Rs. 430. This state was anticipated by us when the floor level was raised.

The market opened at Rs. 430/8 for March delivery and declined at Rs. 430. At this level there was virtual end of trading in March contract while May contract was quoted at Rs. 442/8. The future of cotton prices remains gloomy and if the present state continues, we fear May contract ultimately reaching floor level.

Later on there was some short covering which resulted in some business at Rs. 431.

In the arternoon there was increased short covering and March improved at Rs. 433. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C.	March	432 12	0
I.C.C.	May	445 2	0
I.C.C.	July	466 10	0
I.C.C.	Sept.	464 10	0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Feb. 20.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
March	433-1/2	432-1/2	432-1/2
May	445-1/2	444-1/4	444-1/4
July	456-1/2	455-3/4	455-3/4
Sept.	465	464	464

Karachi 4F March 46/9/9 46/6/3 46/7/9

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 1721 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.

The produce market was fairly steady with moderate business. There is acute shortage of groundnut oil. Castorseed May delivery opened at Rs. 122/12 and declined at Rs. 122/10. At this level there was moderate buying and the market advanced at Rs. 123/6 and steadied at Rs. 123/4. Tilseeds were placed at Rs. 252, Linseed was steady. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS:—			
Kandesh Ready		Unquoted	
Coromandal Ready		Unquoted	
Bold		Unquoted	
LINSEEDS:—			
Ready	30	8	0
February March	26	11	0
April May	26	11	0
CASTORSEEDS:—			
Navlakhi Ready	27	10	0
February March Navlakhi	26	12	0
Goa Ready	27	4	0
Bombay Ready	27	2	0
May Delivery	123	2	0
GROUNDNUTS OIL:—			
Bombay Mills	12	14	0
Linseed Oil	22	0	0
Castorseed Oil	18	12	0

8,000 Tons Of Barley Arrive Karachi

KARACHI, Feb. 20 (API): A fresh consignment of 8,000 tons of barley from Iraq arrived in Karachi to-day. The ship is being unloaded but no order for the allotment of the barley has been received by the Deputy Director of Food Supplies here.

Hedge Selling In N.Y. Cotton Market

Technical Reaction After Steady Rise

NEW YORK, Feb. 20, (U. P. A.): Irregular prices and quiet trading featured today's session of the New York today.

The market was influenced by small orders either way. The market apparently is in the process of consolidating its position following the recent rise to the highest levels since late October.

Ring observers believed that the technical reaction was overdue after the rise of more than 10 dollars per bale this month or the nearby March contract.

The failure of wheat to maintain its early rise of eight cents per bushel and unencouraging action of the stock market injected an overall attitude of caution.

URGENT LIQUIDATION

The market opened unchanged to 14 higher. After the opening, it dipped 15 to 21 points from highs but at the 33.85 level for March, the urgent liquidation subsided and the price took an up trend to the near early highs of mid-afternoon. The market turned reactionary again in final dealings when the lows for the day were established.

Recurring small rallies were attributed to the continuation of trade, mill and shipper covering against textile orders and export commitments. The bullish sentiment was bolstered for time by expectations of considerable price fixing next week against export sales already consummated to France and reports that French buyers may seek additional offerings next week.

HEDGE PRESSURE

Hedge pressure was more noticeable on the upturns, suggesting that the recent advance successfully dislodged sizeable offerings from producers who recently engaged in a holding movement for better prices. The acquisition of spot cotton supplies naturally brought increased hedge offerings in futures from leading spot interests.

The increase in the world price of cotton since the reduction of the American export subsidy rate is attracting comment. Technicians point out that the sharp rise in Brazilian prices since the subsidy announcement is likely to minimize the effect in the expected drop in the volume of exports of Americans which was recently forecast in some quarters as a result of the subsidy action.

JAPANESE SITUATIONS

Mr. Ichitaro Kitamura, an official Japanese Raw Cotton Importers Association, was quoted here to the effect that Japan will have 3,375,000 spindles operating this year with a cotton consuming capacity of 1,000,000 bales annually. He estimated that Japan's cotton carryover at the end of the fiscal year, April 1st, would be reduced to 300,000 bales.

"Judging from the world situation," Kitamura said, "it would be possible to import at 1,000,000 bales of raw cotton each year from India, Brazil, Egypt along with purchases from the United States.

He warned, however, that importation in the quantities envisioned by the textile industry's three-year rehabilitation plan may not be allowed this year.

Traders were of the opinion that today's reaction was mainly due to technical conditions and added that the fundamental bullish factors, highlighted by the statistical position, are still operative and likely to bring eventually higher prices.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Silver: Spot ..... 44 pence
Forward ..... 44 pence
Gold bars fine per oz £ 8.12.3

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 20.

Australian Wheat (Bulk) 90/3 Feb./March quoted

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 20.

American Telephone and Telegraph	172-1/2
Amerex Holding Co.	33-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	41
Chase National Bank	37
Sinclair Oil	15-3/4
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	60
General Electric Co.	38-3/8
General Motors	62-1/8
Ingersol Rand	125
International Nickel	34
National City Bank of New York	40-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-5/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	20-5/8
Texas Corporation	59-1/8
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	50
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	76-1/2

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 20.

March	33.84+08
March Highest	34.06+14
March Lowest	33.84—08
May	32.84—14
July	31.14—08
October	28.19—18
December	27.36—13
January	27.11—13
Middling Spot	34.42—07

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb. 20.

March	33.78—17
May	32.80—22
July	31.06—14
October	28.15—13
December	27.30—12
Middling Spot	33.35—20

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 20.

March	2.32-1/4
May	2.22-1/2 to 2.22-3/4
July	1.98-1/2 to 1.98-3/4
September	1.93-1/2 to 1.93

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 14th February.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL:—		5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund		6,17,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		261,03,47,000
Sundries		71,46,000
Rupees		273,54,93,000
ASSETS		Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities		138,92,63,000
Other Authorised Investments		10,50,31,000
ADVANCES:—		
Loans		38,50,62,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts		46,67,40,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased		6,29,04,000
Dead Stock		1,58,06,000
Sundries		1,07,36,000
CASH:—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India		28,20,26,000
Balances with other Banks		1,79,25,000
Rupees		273,54,93,000

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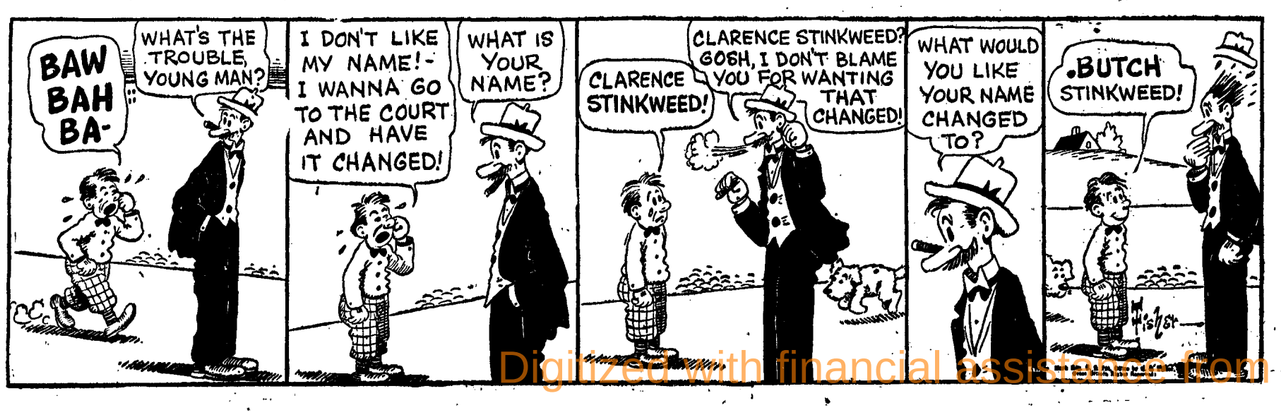
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"Motor-Driving"??? taught within two-weeks time to ladies and gents.) (Success guaranteed), by SPECIALIST. (Terms—Moderate). Apply sharp:—Box. No. 4996 "Bombay Chronicle".

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Chronic Piles, Bawasir Patient. Try Himalaya Yogi's thrilling cure. Ask free P. Laul Bros., Jullundur City (Punjab). 4860

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Matriculation: Guarantee your success by solving 'Success Suggestion.' Success series etc. sent free with them. Send Rs. 2 to J. P. Acharya (B.Sc.) success course, Visnagar (N.G.) 4497

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents to sell the remaining shares of M/s. Mica Mining & Trading Co. of India Ltd. 12 Chowringhee Square, Calcutta, a progressive concern, having vast Mica properties and working several Mica Mines in Behar. Apply sharp to Managing Agents. 2192

Wanted—Share-selling Agents for Bengal Cotton Cultivation & Mills, Ltd., (Estd. 1940; Dividend paid March, 1942—15 per cent, 1943—10 per cent, 1944—10 per cent, 1945—10 per cent, 1946—10 per cent, Recommended). Unique combination of Cotton plantation and Mill in India. Share Subscription List closes on 31st March, 1947. Apply to: Planters' Syndicate Ltd., Mg. Agents, "Grosvenor House" 21, Old Court House Street, Calcutta. 1861

Wanted—Agents and Merchants for our famous Buttons throughout India and abroad. Eastern Small Industries, Dacca. (4501)

Wanted Respectable Agents throughout India to secure orders for Nipani Tobacco. Apply:—K. B. Ghatage Tobacco Commission Agency, Prop. V. K. Ghatage, B Sc, Nipani (Belgaum). 1412

Wanted—Agents and Stockists for our Horn and Pearl Buttons. J. Smith & Co., Barakhali (Dacca), Bengal. (4949)

BUSINESS OFFERS

A financier Ready to invest Rs. 100,000/- in machineries having godowns of 6000 yards in Bombay with electric power and industry requires suggestions from experts for establishing paying and permanent industry for which machineries will be available immediately. Apply Box No. 4957, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Velos "Lightning" Numbering Ma-chines, latest model Velos stapling Machines. Velos "minor" super's pocket size and brand new Velos staples, all British make. Stockists: Ramu & Sons, Matunga Bombay. 4851

Associated Machine and Tool Com-pany, solicits your enquires for all kinds of machinery, electrical equipments and engineering stores. Address: 130, Medows Street. Bombay—1 Phone: 28688 (991)

For Sale Quad Crown Size Flat-bed litho machines—Ratcliffe, Furnival—and German Makes in excellent condition with full equipment. Interested parties are requested to contact Famous Cine Litho Works, to B, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Bombay 11. (4986 C)

10/7 Diesel and 7/5 petrol Benford Concrete Mixers awaiting shipment. Book orders now and avoid disappointment. For particulars write to Garlick & Co., Jacob Circle, Bombay 11. Phone No. 42071. 2217

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Rupees Twenty-five thousand's in-surance Policy for an investment of Rupees five hundred. For Natural Death Rupees Twenty-five thousand. Accidental Death Rupees Fifty thousand. Loans will be given for Sickness, Education, Marriages, Business, for Buying or Building house. Wanted Ladies and Gentlemen everywhere to work in spare time. Daily income Rupees Hundred! Before insuring of every kind in any Company of the world, please obtain expert advice from us. Apply immediately Bhogilal Hiralal Shah and Company, Post Box Number—713, Bombay. 1. Telegraphic Address: "Bhogilalco", Bombay. (4914)

Typewriter Repairs undertaken privately by 25 years' experience mechanic. Apply Marshal 62, Karwar St., Fort, Bombay. 4881

Urgently wanted large ready stocks Parker, Sheaffers Eversharp Fountain Pens, reasonable prices, direct importers. Stockist please contact Box No. 4987 "Bombay Chronicle".

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Available for immediate delivery Rayon Jacquard Brocades, Non-Tarnishable Silver and Gold Metallic Goods, Satin Lastex and Rayon Drafery. Reply Air Mail—P. O. Box 2714, Paterson, N. J., U.S.A., for details, prices and samples. 2134

For Sale: Parker Fountain Pens at Controlled Rates to consumers only. Agarwal & Sons (1946) Limited, 428, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. (4959)

All India Famed Stemp's "Royal" and Red Ink Nibs. Sole Distributors for Bombay, Hyderabad Sind, Madras, C. P. etc. Ramu and Sons, Matunga Bombay. (4940)

For Sale Brand New Rubber Rol-lers, suitable for Ratcliffe, German and Furnival litho machines Quad Crown Size. Write to Famous Cine Litho Works, 40 B, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Bombay 11, for your requirements. (4986)

For Sale ungrained Lithographic Zinc Plates Quad Crown Size. 025" thick. Interested parties may please communicate with Famous Cine Litho Works, 40 B, Clerk Road Jacob Circle, Bombay 11. (4986 A)

For Sale English Butter Paper size 20 x 30 14 lbs. per ream and Art Card size 22 x 28 lbs. per 100 sheets at Controlled rates. Write to Famous Cine Litho Works, 40B, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Bombay 11 for your requirements. (4986 B)

PUBLIC NOTICES

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Items costing over Rs. 10,000/-
Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's office, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta on or before 12 noon on the 10th April, 1947.

Under No. S|SP,B|GBI|Chains for the supply of Chains of sorts and sizes.

Tender form with full particulars can be had from the office of the Controller of Stores, E. I. Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta, on payment of Rs. 2|- per copy to the Treasurer, E. I. Railway 105, Clive Street, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firms outside Calcutta may however remit the amount to the Controller of Stores, E. I. Railway, direct by money order. Once these documents are issued, no refund is permissible.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration at the General Manager's office and then put into the tender Box outside the Dy. General Manager's (Works) room by the tenderer or his representative.

General Manager.
2200

INDIAN CENTRAL SUGARCANE COMMITTEE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the undermentioned posts at the Imperial Institute of Sugar Technology, Cawnpore ON CONTRACT BASIS, FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. Only candidates with high academic qualifications and long research and technical experience in their particular subject at a University, Technological Institute or in the Sugar Industry and holding responsible positions, preferably in the sugar line, need apply:—

(1) PROFESSOR OF SUGAR TECHNOLOGY — ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (i) A good degree in Science or Chemical Technology or equivalent, (ii) a special training in the Chemistry and Technology of Sugar manufacture and (iii) practical experience of at least 10 years as a manufacturing Chemist or Technologist in Sugar Factories in India, Java or other countries.

(2) PROFESSOR OF SUGAR ENGINEERING — ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (i) A good degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering with a Membership or an Associateship of a recognized Institution of Mechanical, Electrical or Civil Engineers, (ii) training in a firm of manufacturers of sugar or similar other machinery and (iii) practical experience of at least 10 years in the designing and manufacturing of Cane Sugar Machinery and|or of erecting and operating Cane Sugar Factories.

(3) PROFESSOR OF SUGAR CHEMISTRY — ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (i) A Doctorate in Organic Chemistry or Bio-Chemistry or Physical Chemistry or in Chemical Engineering, (ii) research experience of at least 10 years with special reference to Sugar Chemistry in any one of these subjects and (iii) practical experience and ability to carry out and direct research on industrial problems connected with sugar.

AGE:—Not over 45 years, but relaxable in special cases.

SCALE OF PAY:—Rs. 1,500-50-2,000 per mensem without war allowance.

PROBATIONERY PERIOD: One year.

DUTIES:—Teaching of Post-graduate and other students, carrying out and directing research, advising Sugar Factories and undertaking such other work as may be entrusted to them.

Selected candidates wil be called for an interview to New Delhi at their own expense. Government servants and those employed in the Industry should apply through the proper channel. Applications accompanied with copies of published papers and details of the present pay and scale, the time by which they can join, if selected, should reach the Secretary, Indian Central Sugarcane Committee, No. 3 Pusa Road, New Delhi, not later than the 31st March, 1947.

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FOR SALE.

OXIDE OF ZINC, Asbestos Compound Shell-Max,, Sealing Plastic, Barbed Wire, Wire Net of M. S. Bars, Bostik A. A. Sealing Compound for Air craft: Apply:

R. D. GANGAR & CO.,
Godhbunder Road,
BORIVLI.

Tel: 84040

LIVESTOCKS.

Bellemont Kennels accommodate sick dogs. Write Seervai, first floor, Cosy Building, next to Gowalia Tank Road, Parsee Fire Temple. 1751

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

POONA: Buildings and Bungalows For Sale, VACANT Possessions, Awatade, 393, Nana Peth, Poona. 4984

PUBLIC NOTICES.

JUHU MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the inhabitants of the Municipal District of Juhu that the Municipality desires to revise the existing Schedule (E) (Schedule ofTaxes) so far as it relates to Property Tax and General Sanitary Cess (Item Nos. 1 & 2) of the Schedule.

The proposed revised Schedule (Item Nos. 1 & 2) is as under:—

No.	Name of Tax	Class of person or property liable	Amount for which or rate at which classes liable	Exemptions	Time at which Tax payable
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Property Tax	(a) All houses and buildings including land which is necessary for the convenient use and occupation thereof.	Subject to the minimum tax of 8 annas at 3% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value does not exceed Rs. 500/-; at 5½% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value exceeds Rs. 500/- but does not exceed Rs. 2,000/- and at 8% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value exceeds Rs. 2,000/-.	Buildings and lands exclusively used for public worship, for registered charitable purposes or for schools.	1st April in each year.
		(b) Lands.			
2.	General Sanitary Cess.	(a) All houses and buildings including land which is necessary for the convenient use and occupation thereof.	Subject to the minimum of 4 annas at 3% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value does not exceed Rs. 500/-; at 3½% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value exceeds Rs. 500/- but does not exceed Rs. 2,000/- and at 4% on the Gross Annual Letting Value when the Gross Annual Letting Value exceeds Rs. 2,000/-.	—do—	—do—
		(b) Lands.			

Note:—A reduction of 10% from the Gross Annual Letting Value is allowed in lieu of all allowances for repairs or otherwise in case of houses and buildings only i.e. class (a) under 1 & 2 above.

The existing Schedule 'E' can be seen at the Municipal Office, Juhu, on any working day during office hours.

Any inhabitant of the Municipal District objecting to the proposed revision of Schedule of Taxes (E) may, within one month from the date of this notice, send his objection in writing to the Municipality.

No. T/1343 of 1946-47.
Municipal Office:
Juhu, dated, 17th Feb. 1947.

J. CREADO,
Vice-President,
Juhu Municipality.
2219

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, B. B. & C. I. AND G. I. P. RAILWAYS SUBORDINATE SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS on the prescribed form obtainable at a cost of Re. 1|- from the Office of the B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Rlys., Joint Subordinate Service Commission, B. B. & C. I. Rly., General Offices, Churchgate, Bombay are invited up to the 10th March 1947 from candidates to fill the following permanent and temporary posts in the Stores Department of the G. I. P. Railway at Bombay or Jhansi.

(a) ONE SENIOR-CLERK, Grade of pay. Rs. 80-8-120 (Old) Rs. 100|- (revised) (PERMANENT).

(b) EIGHTY-NINE JUNIOR CLERKS OR TYPISTS, Grade Rs. 30-4-50-5-80-40-5-60. 20 Permanent and 69 Temporary.

(c) ONE COPY HOLDER, Grade Rs. 30-4-50 (Revised) Rs. 40-45-3-60 (PERMANENT)

Of these vacancies, 11 are reserved for Muslims, 13 for scheduled castes, 8 for Anglo-Indians and 11 for other minority communities. The rest are unreserved. The vacancies for the Senior-clerk and Copy Holder will occur in April 1947. Of the 89 junior clerks, 12 are required in April, and the balance will be borne on a waiting list.

ALLOWANCES include Dearness and other allowances under the rules in addition to the privilege of buying food grains and other provisions at concession rates from Rly. Grainshops.

QUALIFICATIONS

(a) For Senior-clerk—Graduate of a recognised University.

(b) For other clerks and Typists—Matriculation Typists minimum speed 40 words p. m.

(c) For the Copy Holder—Matriculation.

AGE—Between 18 and 25 years extended up to 28 years for scheduled castes.

Employees already in Government Service (including Railways) may apply on the prescribed form through the Head of their Department, for items (b) and (c) only.

For furtner particulars apply to the Secretary, B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Rlys., Joint Subordinate Service Commission at the above address.

Full name, address and the post for which applied should be entered in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS on the Money Order Coupon. MONEY ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT FULFILLED. Last date for receipt of Money Orders is 1-3-1947.

CHAIRMAN.
(2211)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD
(DIVISION III)

Office of the Chief Director of Purchase,
Mansingh Road, New Delhi.
Telegrams "PURFOOD"

DISPOSAL OF AMERICAN SURPLUS FOODSTUFFS

IN PARTIAL MODIFICATION of the press advertisement issued by the Chief Director of Purchase, Department of Food in the month of July, 1946, the Chief Director of Purchase will from now onwards accept directly offers for the purchase of American Surplus Foodstuffs of the value of Rs. 2,000/- and above. The rate of discount will be the same as mentioned in the previous notice for purchases made through Spencer & Co. i.e. as follows:—

(a) No offers will be accepted for stores valued at less than Rs. 2,000 calculated at the published retail prices.

(b) Sales for more than Rs. 2,000/- but less than Rs. 50,000 will be made at a discount of 20% on the published retail prices.

(c) Sales of and above Rs. 50,000/- but below Rs. 3,00,000/- will be at a discount of 25% on the published retail prices.

(d) Sales of and above Rs. 3,00,000/- will be at a discount of 26% on the published retail prices.

(e) In arriving at the rate of discount, orders from the same purchaser will be dealt with singly and not collectively.

(f) Only orders for full cases or the equivalent would be accepted.

Other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of Steel Tubes Cold Drawn Weldless 3/8" O/S X 14 SWG and will be received in the Controller of Stores's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta.

Firms may obtain a copy of tender containing full Particulars from the office of the Controller of Stores on Payment of Rs. 2/- which is not refundable.

Firms outside Calcutta may remit the amount by Money Order direct to the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, Calcutta.

The tender will be opened on the 12th March, 1947 at 12 o'clock noon.

CONTROLLER OF STORES.
(2208)

FOR SALE.

USEFUL FOR SUPPLY COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS:—

Serviceable ENERGY METERS, suitable for use with different ratio voltage and current transformers, also spare parts of meters. For particulars please apply to General Manager, The Tata Power Co., Ltd., Bombay House, Fort, Bombay. (2207)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOARD OF TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, BOMBAY PROVINCE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts under the Board of Technical and Industrial Training, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay.

(i) One Head Clerk 135-5-180
(ii) One Senior Clerk 95-5-140

The posts are permanent and non-pensionable, but with the benefits of Contributory Provident Fund.

QUALIFICATIONS: The candidates should be graduates and shoud have at least 5 years' experience for post (i) and 2 years' experience for post (ii) in drafting, noting and accounts, preferably in a Government office. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in Educational institutions. For (i) candidates should be able to carry on independent correspondence.

Those already in Government service should apply through proper channels.

The condition as regards educational requirements may be waived in the case of candidates with exceptional experience, suitable for the posts under reference.

Applications should reach the Secretary before 3rd March, 1947.
(2170)

PUBLIC AUCTION OF BUILDING SITES IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF BLOCK NO. II, BACK BAY RECLAMATION ESTATE

THE COLLECTOR OF BOMBAY will put to Public Auction separately, the lease for 99 years of plots Nos. 148 and 149 in the Southern Section of Block No. II, Back Bay Reclamation, measuring about 2,020 and 2,140 sq. yds. respectively on Wednesday, the 12th March, 1947, at 3 P.M. (S.T.). The auction will be held in the Collector's Office in the Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay.

2. The plots are at present in the occupation of the Defence Department and possession will be available after they are vacated by the Military.

3. Prospective lessees desiring to bid at the auction will have to deposit with the Collector for each plot Rs. 10,000/- in cash or in Government Securities before 3 P.M. (S.T.) on 10-3-1947. The deposit will be forfeited if a successful bidder withdraws his offer or fails to pay the deposit money of five years' ground rent within a week of his being declared the highest bidder.

4. The Collector is not bound to accept the highest bid and the acceptance of a bid by the Collector is subject to the sanction of Government.

5. The terms and conditions of the lease and the plan can be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Bombay City Survey and Land Records, in the Old Custom House, Fort, on payment of Re. 1/-.

R. G. DAVIES,
Collector of Bombay.
Collector's Office,
Bombay, 18th February, 1947.
2213

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED preferably from natives of Bombay Province before 1-4-1947 for one contract post of JUNIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER (CIVIL). PAY—Rs. 250-20-750. QUALIFICATIONS.—A degree or diploma in civil engineering. Seven years' experience of civil engineering works at least three of which shall have been spent on works pertaining to irrigation or Hydro-Electric project such as construction of Dam, Power House, hill roads and tunnels. AGE—Not more than 35 years on 1-6-1947. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED postal order for Re. 1|- payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request.
(2210)

NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalization as a British Subject under the British nationality and status of Aliens Act, 1914 and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has any objection to such naturalization may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: HENRYK HENENFELD
Present Nationality: POLISH.
Full Address: Southlands, Colaba-Bombay. Opp. Post Office.
(2225)

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Name: SIGMUND MAGNUS.
Present Nationality German.
Full address Kumar Villa 3rd Fl. 1st Pasta Lane, Colaba. Bombay, 5.
(2003)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special Meeting of the Corporation to consider a proposition for repealing Rule 41-A of the Corporation Procedure Rules, providing for an item under discussion to be passed over without debate, etc., a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, THE 3RD MARCH 1947, AT 4-30 P. M. (BOMBAY TIME).

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
P. R. MULLAFEROZE,
Ag. Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 21st February, 1947.
(2224)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

(DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR)
Office of the Adjudicator (Railway Dispute),
Council Hall, Fort, Bombay
20th Feb., 1947.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FINAL SUMMING UP and arguments in this Adjudication will start at Bombay in the Council Hall, on Saturday, the 1st March, 1947 instead of on Thursday, the 27th February as previously notified.

P. S. EASWARAN,
Secretary to the Adjudicator.
2214

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates of all communities to fill a gazetted post of Professor of Agricultural Economics in the Bengal Agricultural Service. Pay—Rs. 150-650. In the case of a specially qualified candidate initial pay at a rate higher than the minimum of the scale may be granted on the basis of his qualifications, age and experience. Age—must not be over 25 years on 1st February 1947; the age limit will be relaxed upto 45 years in the case of a candidate possessing special qualifications. Preference will be given to a candidate who is a native of or permanently domiciled in Bengal. Qualifications—A candidate must have a Second Class Master's degree in Economics of an Indian University or pies stamp affixed. They will not an Honours degree in Economics of a foreign University; must have post-graduate experience in Agricultural Economics; experience in gathering and interpreting agricultural statistics; ability to conduct research in Rural Economics will be considered an additional qualification. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine be supplied on receipt of more stamps. Candidates who are unable to obtain copies of the prescribed form may apply on any printed or typed form, a sample of which was published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 21st November 1946 provided that the form used is of the size, and shows exactly the wording and spacing, of the sample form, that the words of the sample are not reproduced in hand writing and that the blanks are filled in the candidates' own hand writing. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for the receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 1st March, 1947.
(2222)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHANTABAI, wife of Laxman Manik Mhatre and LAXMAN MANIK MHATRE, both of Borivli Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property of any nature whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece of land, situate at Mouje Eksar, near Borivli in the Sub-Registration District of Thana and Taluka and District Thana bearing:

Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area. Acre.	Gunthas.	Assessment
11	2			
11	3	—	30	Rs.
(out of)		Kharaba	2¾	2-2-3.
47	—			

Total 32¾ gunthas.

And bounded on the East by the land of Dhabu Pandu, on the West by the land of Marwadi and beyond that by the house of Kashinath Gharu, on the South by the land of Marwadi and also by the land of Dadabhoy Pestonji and on the North by Goral Road.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1947.

DABHOLKAR & JESHTARAM,
Attorneys for the Purchasers.
(2215)

(For Further Notices See Page 2)

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